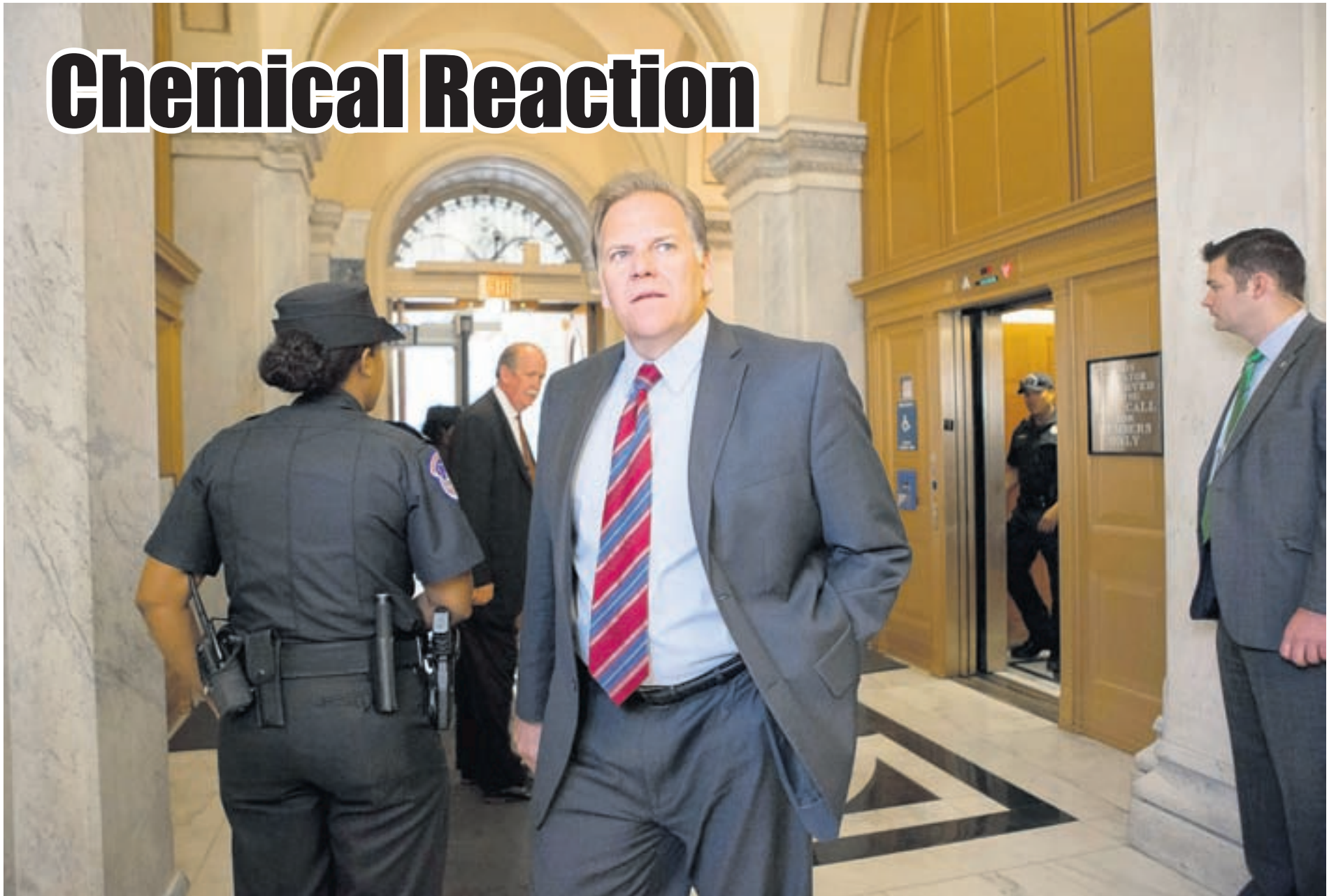


Chemical Reaction



House Intelligence Committee Chairman Rep. Mike Rogers, R-Mich., walks to a meeting on Capitol Hill in Washington. On a talk show Sunday, April 28, 2013, Rogers said he's worried about chemical weapons in Syria falling into the wrong hands after President Bashar Assad is driven from power.

(AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

Lawmakers call for stronger U.S. action in Syria

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Syria's stockpile of chemical weapons could be a greater threat after that nation's president leaves power and could end up targeting Americans at home, lawmakers warned Sunday as they considered a U.S. response that stops short of sending military forces there.

U.S. officials last week declared that the Syrian government probably had used chemical weapons twice in March, newly provocative acts in the 2-year civil war that has killed more than 70,000 people and displaced hundreds of thousands more. The U.S. assessment followed similar conclusions from Britain, France, Israel and Qatar — key allies eager for a more

aggressive response to the Syrian conflict. President Barack Obama has said Syria's likely action — or the transfer of President Bashar Assad's stockpiles to terrorists — would cross a "red line" that would compel the United States to act. Lawmakers sought to remind viewers on Sunday news programs of Obama's declaration while discouraging a U.S. foothold on

the ground there.

"The president has laid down the line, and it can't be a dotted line. It can't be anything other than a red line," said House Intelligence Committee Chairman Rep. Mike Rogers, a Republican. "And more than just Syria, Iran is paying attention to this. North Korea is paying attention to this."

Added Sen. Saxby Cham-

bliss, also a Republican: "For America to sit on the sidelines and do nothing is a huge mistake."

Obama has insisted that any use of chemical weapons would change his thinking about the United States' role in Syria but said he didn't have enough information to order aggressive action.

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Italy:

Policemen shot near new government swearing-in

FRANCES D'EMILIO

Associated Press

ROME (AP) — In the very moments Italy's new coalition government was being sworn in, ending months of political paralysis in a country hoping to revive a bleak economy, a middle-aged unemployed bricklayer opened fire Sunday in the square outside the premier's office, seriously wounding two policemen, authorities said. The alleged gunman from Calabria, a southern region plagued by joblessness and organized crime, told investigators he wanted to shoot politicians. But finding none in the square, he instead shot at Carabinieri paramilitary police.

A bullet pierced one of the policemen in the neck, passing through his spinal column, doctors said, adding it wasn't yet known if the 50-year-old officer would have any paralysis. The other one was shot

in the leg and suffered a fracture. The newly sworn in interior minister, Angelino Alfano, said a preliminary

bystander, amounted to a "tragic criminal gesture of a 49-year-old unemployed" man.

employment is soaring, an increasing number of businesses are shutting their doors permanently and

Politicians described the attack as a disturbing call to fix Italy's economy.

"From what we understand, it's mainly personal problems, work, personal debts" that fueled the gunman's attack, said Guglielmo Epifani, a top official in Premier Enrico Letta's center-left Democratic Party. Epifani said in a state TV interview that while the financial crisis has caused some to commit suicide, "this is the first time someone shoots to kill" someone else "in a place filled with innocent people."

"The symbolism is there," he said. The political world "must highlight its responsibility during the crisis before the country," he said. In brief comments to reporters after paying a hospital visit to the more seriously wounded policeman, Letta said, "it is a moment in which each must do one's own duty."

The 46-year-old Letta will speak to Parliament on Monday, laying out his strategy to reduce joblessness while still sticking to the austerity measures needed to keep the eurozone's No. 3 economy from descending into a sovereign debt crisis. He will then face confidence votes needed to confirm his government. Prosecutors identified the gunman as Luigi Preiti. Jobless, with a broken marriage and reportedly burdened by gambling debts he couldn't pay, Preiti had recently returned from Italy's affluent north, where he could no longer find work. He moved into his parents' home in Rosarno, a bleak Calabrian farm town where unemployment was already endemic before the last years of stagnation and recession sent youth unemployment soaring to nearly 40 percent nationwide.

His intended target was politicians, but with none in the square, he shot at the Carabinieri paramilitary police, Rome Prosecutor Pierfilippo Laviani told reporters, citing what he said Preiti told him when he questioned him. □



A man believed to be the assailant lies on the ground detained by police after a shootout outside the Chigi Premier's office, in Rome, Sunday, April 28, 2013. Reports say two paramilitary police officers were shot and wounded outside the Italian premier's office as the new leader Enrico Letta was sworn in about a kilometer away. It was unclear if there was any connection between the events.

investigation indicated the shooting, which also slightly injured a pregnant

But the shooting was also a violent expression of social tensions in Italy, where un-

new political corruption scandals make headlines nearly every day.

3 killed in French building collapse after blast

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Associated Press

REIMS, France (AP) — A possible gas explosion ripped off the side of a five-story residential building in France's Champagne country on Sunday, killing at least three people and injuring 14 others, officials said.

More than 100 rescue workers, firefighters, sniffer-dog squads and bomb and gas experts were deployed to the gutted building in a subsidized housing complex in the city of Reims, east of Paris, officials said. Heaps of debris spilled out of the building onto a grassy esplanade below.

"The explosion of a residential building in Reims is a terrible drama," the office of French President Francois Hollande said in a statement, conveying his condolences to the victims' relatives.

Michel Bernard, the top government official in Reims, said crews searching for survivors turned up the body of a woman under the rubble Sunday after-

noon, raising the death toll to three. He said it was unlikely that the toll would rise any higher. Through most of the day, authorities had said at least

"We don't know the cause of the explosion. It was probably due to gas," Reims mayor Adeline Hazan said at the scene. An official investigation was un-

had been playing football on a field about 30 meters (100 feet) away, and ran to the scene," housing project resident Abdel Kader said. "The building had fallen like a house of cards ... 30 seconds after that we saw a man calling for help, he was on a slab. His legs were caught."

"Later, he died," Abdel Kader, a 27-year-old job seeker who declined to provide his family name, said. Bernard, the government official in Reims, said the building dated to the 1960s. About 10 of the 40 or so apartments were affected on the end of the rectangular building, he said. The precariousness of some buildings has come to light internationally in recent days following the collapse Wednesday of an eight-story building in a suburb of Dhaka, Bangladesh, where at least 362 people have been confirmed to have died. Officials said three floors of the building, which had housed garment factories, had been built illegally. □



French firemen attend the scene of a building hit by an explosion that caused the collapse of its inside floors, in Reims, eastern France, Sunday, April 28, 2013. At least three people were killed and 14 others injured, according to officials.

(AP Photo/Jacques Brinon)

two people had died. One person was hospitalized with serious, but not life-threatening injuries, and another 13 people had minor injuries, officials said. Authorities used backhoes to help clear away the rubble.

der way to determine the cause, she said. Authorities say the three people known to have died were adults. Witnesses described a powerful blast.

"The explosion was very strong, like a sonic boom from a fighter plane. We

FBI checking training angle in marathon bombing

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI is investigating in the United States and overseas to determine whether the suspects in the Boston Marathon bombing received training that helped them carry out the attack, the chairman of the U.S. House Homeland Security Committee said Sunday. Rep. Michael McCaul spoke a day after U.S. officials disclosed that Russian authorities secretly recorded a telephone conversation in 2011 in which one of the two brothers suspected in the attack, Tamerlan Tsarnaev, vaguely discussed jihad with his mother.

The father of the Tsarnaev brothers, meanwhile, said from Russia on Sunday he is postponing a trip to the U.S. because of poor health. Tsarnaev, 26, died in a police shootout. His younger brother, 19-year-old Dzhokhar, is charged with setting off the shrapnel-packed pressure-cooker bombs near the finish line of the Boston Marathon on April 15. Three people were killed and more than 260 were injured.

U.S. officials investigating the bombings have told The Associated Press that so far there is no evidence to date of a wider plot, including training, direction or funding for the attacks. The bombs were triggered by a remote detonator of the kind used in remote-control toys, U.S. officials have said. A criminal complaint outlining federal charges against Dzhokhar Tsarnaev described him as holding a cellphone in his hand minutes before the first explosion.

The brothers are ethnic Chechens from Russia who came to the United States about a decade ago with their parents.

"I think given the level of sophistication of this device, the fact that the pressure cooker is a signature device that goes back to Pakistan, Afghanistan, leads me to believe — and the way they handled these devices and the tradecraft — ... that there was a trainer and the question is where is that trainer or trainers," said Rep. Michael McCaul, a Republican, on "Fox News Sunday."



Dias Kadyrbayev, left, with Boston Marathon bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, at an unknown location. Kadyrbayev and Azamat Tazhayakov, two college buddies of Tsarnaev from Kazakhstan, were jailed by immigration authorities the day after Tsarnaev's capture.

(AP Photo/VK)

"Are they overseas in the Chechen region or are they in the United States?" McCaul said. "In my conversations with the FBI, that's the big question. They've casted a wide net both overseas and in the United States to find out where this person is. But I think the experts all agree that there is someone who did train

these two individuals."

At this point in the investigation, however, Sen. Claire McCaskill said there was no evidence that the brothers "were part of a larger organization, that they were, in fact, part of some kind of terror cell or any kind of direction."

The Democrat, who's on the Senate Homeland Se-

curity and Governmental Affairs Committee, told CBS' "Face the Nation" that "it appears, at this point, based on the evidence, that it's the two of them."

Homemade bombs built from pressure cookers have been a frequent weapon of militants in Afghanistan, India and Pakistan. □

Lawmakers call for stronger U.S. action in Syria

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"For the Syrian government to utilize chemical weapons on its people crosses a line that will change my calculus and how the

United States approaches these issues," Obama said Friday.

But Rep. Jan Schakowsky, a Democrat, said Sunday the United States needs to

consider those weapons. She said that when Assad leaves power, his opponents could have access to those weapons or they could fall into the hands of

U.S. enemies.

"The day after Assad is the day that these chemical weapons could be at risk ... (and) we could be in bigger, even bigger trouble," she said.

Both sides of the civil war already accuse each other of using the chemical weapons.

The deadliest such alleged attack was in the Khan al-Assal village in the Aleppo province in March. The Syrian government called for the United Nations to investigate alleged chemical weapons use by rebels in the attack that killed 31 people.

Syria, however, has not allowed a team of experts into the country because it wants the investigation limited to the single Khan al-Assal incident, while U.N. Secretary-General Ban

Ki-moon has urged "immediate and unfettered access" for an expanded investigation.

One of Obama's chief antagonists on Syria, Sen. John McCain, said the United States should go to Syria as part of an international force to safeguard the chemical weapons. But McCain added that he is not advocating sending ground troops to the nation.

"The worst thing the United States could do right now is put boots on the ground on Syria. That would turn the people against us," said McCain, the Republican who lost the 2008 presidential election to Obama.

His friend, Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham, also said the United States could safeguard the weapons without a ground force. □



A Syrian victim who suffered an alleged chemical attack at Khan al-Assal village according to SANA, receives treatment by doctors, at a hospital in Aleppo, Syria.

(AP Photo/SANA)

Voting booth the new front in gun background checks

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Associated Press

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) — After struggling to sway both state and federal lawmakers, proponents of expanding background checks for gun sales are now exploring whether they will have more success by taking the issue directly to voters.

While advocates generally prefer that new gun laws be passed through the legislative process, especially at the national level, they are also concerned about how much sway the National Rifle Association has with lawmakers.

Washington Rep. Jamie Pedersen, a Democrat who had sponsored unsuccessful legislation on background checks at the state level, said a winning ballot initiative would make a statement with broad implications.

"It's more powerful if the voters do it — as opposed to our doing it," Pedersen said. "And it would make it

easier for the Legislature to do even more."

On Monday, proponents of universal background checks in Washington will announce their plan to launch a statewide initiative campaign that would require the collection of some 300,000 signatures, according to a person involved in the initiative planning who spoke on condition of anonymity so as not to pre-empt the official announcement.

The Washington Alliance for Gun Responsibility has scheduled a fundraiser in Seattle at the end of next month and hopes to have a campaign budget in the millions of dollars.

Ballot measures may be an option elsewhere, too. Hildy Saizow, president of Arizonans for Gun Safety, said an initiative is one of the things the group will be considering as it reconsiders strategies. An organizer in Oregon was focused on the Legislature for now but

wouldn't rule out a ballot measure in the future if lawmakers fail to pass a proposed bill there.

While advocates have had

U.S. Senate rejected a plan to expand background checks earlier this month, although lawmakers in the chamber are still working

passage through Congress is the ideal in order to have a national solution and so that states with strong gun laws aren't undermined by nearby states with weaker standards. He noted that initiative campaigns are costly endeavors that can drain important, limited resources. Still, Malte said, the ballot measures are an option to consider. "At some point, certainly decisions need to be made about what the right time is to say we take it to the people," Malte said. Brian Judy, a lobbyist who represents the NRA in Washington state, did not return calls seeking comment about the new initiative. He has previously said the NRA would likely oppose such an effort, arguing that the recently proposed laws on background checks would largely impact law-abiding citizens instead of the intended targets such as criminals and the mentally ill. □



Caren Teves, right, whose son was killed in the Aurora, Colo., mass shooting, speaks as she holds up a handwritten letter to her from Sen. Jeff Flake, R-Ariz., as Jennifer Longdon, left, a shooting victim who was left paralyzed, holds up a protest sign as they join more than 50 anti-gun activists rallying outside Flake's office in Phoenix. (AP Photo/Ross D. Franklin)

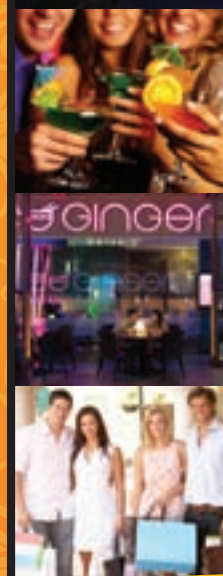
recent success on background checks in places like Connecticut and Colorado, they've been thwarted in some other states and in Congress. The

to gather additional votes. Brian Malte, director of mobilization at the national nonprofit lobbying group Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, said

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Some are overlooked in US immigration overhaul

ELLIOT SPAGAT
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Carlos Gonzalez has lived nearly all his 29 years in a country he considers home but now finds himself on the wrong side of the border — and the wrong side of a proposed overhaul of

of the estimated 11 million people living in the U.S. illegally out of the shadows, not everyone would benefit. They include anyone who arrived after Dec. 31, 2011, those with gay partners legally in the U.S., siblings of U.S. citizens and many deportees such as

panded coverage as they brace for a tough battle in Congress. Some take aim at other provisions of the sweeping legislation, like a 13-year track to citizenship they consider too long and \$4.5 billion for increased border security. "It's not going to include every-

"I just don't understand why we are going to basically undo a deportation," said Nunez, a former U.S. attorney in San Diego. Senate negotiators were more forgiving of criminal records than the Obama administration was when it granted temporary work permits last year to many who came to the U.S. as children. The administration disqualified anyone with a single misdemeanor

conviction of driving under the influence, domestic violence, drug dealing or certain other crimes. The Senate bill says only that three misdemeanors or a single felony make someone ineligible. Deportations topped 400,000 in fiscal 2012, more than double from seven years earlier, sending Mexicans to border cities like Tijuana where they often struggle to find work. □



Migrants and recent deportees from the U.S. wait for a table at the dining room of the Padre Chava migrant shelter in the northern border city of Tijuana, Mexico. Deportations topped 400,000 in 2012, more than double from seven years earlier, sending Mexicans to border cities like Tijuana where they often struggle to find work. (AP Photo/Alex Cossio)

the U.S. immigration system that would grant legal status to millions of people. Gonzalez was deported to Tijuana, Mexico, from Santa Barbara in December, one of nearly 2 million removals from the United States since Barack Obama was first elected president. "I have nobody here," said Gonzalez, who serves breakfasts in a Tijuana migrant shelter while nursing a foot that fractured in 10 places when he jumped the border fence in a failed attempt to rejoin his mother, two brothers and extended family in California. "The United States is all I know." While a Senate bill introduced earlier this month would bring many

Gonzalez. With net immigration from Mexico near zero, the number who came to the U.S. since January 2012 is believed to be relatively small, possibly a few hundred thousand. They include Isaac Jimenez, 45, who paid a smuggler \$4,800 to guide him across the California desert in August to reunite with his wife and children in Fresno. "My children are here, everything is here for me," Jimenez said from Fresno. He lived in the U.S. illegally since 1998 and returned voluntarily to southern Mexico last year to see his mother before she died. So far, advocates on the left have shown limited appetite to fight for ex-

body," said Laura Lichter, president of the American Immigration Lawyers Association. "It's not perfect. I think you hear a lot of people saying, 'Don't let the perfect be the enemy of the good,' and this is good." Peter Nunez, who supports restrictive policies as chairman of the Center for Immigration Studies in Washington, rates the bill an 8 or 9 on a scale from 1 to 10, with 10 being the most inclusive. He criticizes a measure that allows deportees without criminal histories to apply for permission to return if they have spouses or children in the U.S. legally, a step that supporters say would reunite families.

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Fatal stabbing of girl, 8, prompts NorCal manhunt

JOHN S. MARSHALL
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Residents of a rural Northern California county were being told Sunday to keep their doors locked and report anyone considered suspicious as authorities continued the search for the killer of an 8-year-old girl. Calaveras County deputies and law enforcement officials from neighboring counties, as well as California Highway Patrol officers and members of the California Department of Justice, were looking for a suspect after Leila Fowler was found stabbed in her Valley Springs home around noon Saturday. The girl was found by her brother — reported by local media to be 12-years-old — after he encountered a male intruder in the

home. When the intruder ran away, the boy found his sister stabbed. She was pronounced dead at a local hospital, officials said. Initially Leila was reported as being 9-years-old, but Coroner Kevin Raggio said Sunday that she would have turned 9 in June. Authorities spent Saturday night and into Sunday conducting a door-to-door sweep of homes scattered across hilly terrain, checking storage sheds and horse stables, and even searching attics. "It is a difficult area to search, it's rural, remote," sheriff's Capt. Jim Macedo said. Reverse 911 calls and Nixle mass notifications alerted area residents about the incident and the search for the suspect, officials said. "I was working on my tractor and a CHP copter kept

flying over my house," area resident Roger Ballew, 35, told The Associated Press on Sunday. A SWAT team showed up at his house Saturday night and told him to stay inside, Ballew said. "It was nerve-racking, I didn't sleep well," he said. Investigators on Sunday were interviewing several people, but no suspects had been named by late afternoon. Investigators were checking out tips that had come in to the sheriff's office, including leads and tips that came from outside Calaveras County, officials said.

"It's just terrible," area resident Paul Gschweng told Sacramento television station KCRA. "What can I say about it, it's just a tragedy." The station reported that a neighbor told police that a man was running from the girl's home after the incident. The suspect was seen wearing a black shirt and blue pants. Authorities considered him armed and dangerous. Investigators were asking area residents to call authorities if they had any information, or knew of anyone who may have un-

explained injuries, or may have left the area unexpectedly after the girl was killed. Valley Springs is a community of about 2,500 people in an unincorporated area of Calaveras County, known as "Gold Country," in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada mountains, about 60 miles southeast of Sacramento. The county became world-famous in 1865 with Mark Twain's short story, "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County," according to the Calaveras County Chamber of Commerce website. □

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Racial wealth gap widened in recession

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WASHINGTON — Millions of Americans suffered a loss of wealth during the recession and the sluggish recovery that followed. But the last half-decade has proved far worse for black and Hispanic families than for white families, starkly widening the already large gulf in wealth between white Americans and most minorities, according to a new study from the Urban Institute. "It was already dismal," Darrick Hamilton, a professor at the New School in New York, said of the wealth gap between black and white households. "It got even worse." As of 2010, white families, on average, earned about \$2 for every \$1 that black and Hispanic families earned, a ratio that has remained roughly constant for the last 30 years. But when it comes to wealth — as measured by assets, like

cash savings, homes and retirement accounts, minus debts, like mortgages and credit card balances — white families have far outpaced black and Hispanic ones. Before the recession, white families, on average, were about four times as wealthy as nonwhite families, according to the Urban Institute's analysis of Federal Reserve data. By 2010, whites were about six times as wealthy. The dollar value of that gap has grown, as well. By the most recent data, the average white family had about \$632,000 in wealth, versus \$98,000 for black families and \$110,000 for Hispanic families. "The racial wealth gap is deeply rooted in our society," said Caroline Ratcliffe, one of the authors of the Urban Institute study. "It's here, it's not going away, and we need to care about it." Many experts consider the

wealth gap to be more pernicious than the income gap, as it perpetuates from generation to generation and has a powerful effect on economic security and mobility. The Urban Institute suggests reforming government policies that encourage savings but disproportionately benefit the already wealthy and families with high incomes, like the home mortgage interest deduction. Automatic savings vehicles also might help lower-income and lower-wealth families start saving, it said. "The growth in the wealth divide is going to be very hard to close," said Dedrick Muhammad, the senior director of the economic department at the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the civil rights organization. "I don't have a positive feeling about racial wealth inequality resolving itself with the recovery." □



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Obama jokes about aging during 2nd term

BRADLEY KLAPPER

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama joked Saturday that the years are catching up to him and he's not "the strapping young Muslim socialist" he used to be.

Obama poked fun at himself as well as some of his political adversaries during the annual White House Correspondents' Association dinner attended by politicians, members of the media and Hollywood celebrities.

Entering to the rap track "All I Do Is Win" by DJ Khaled, Obama joked about how re-election would allow him to unleash a radical agenda. But then he showed a picture of himself golfing on a mock magazine cover of "Senior Leisure."

"I'm not the strapping young Muslim Socialist that I used to be," the president remarked, and then recounted his recent 2-for-22 basketball shooting performance at the White House Easter Egg hunt.

But Obama's most dramatic shift for the next four years appeared to be aesthetic. He presented a montage of shots featuring him with bangs similar to those sometimes sported by his wife.

"So we borrowed one of Michelle's tricks," Obama said. "I thought this looked pretty good, but no

bounce."

Obama closed by noting the nation's recent tragedies in Massachusetts and Texas, praising Americans of all stripes from first responders to local journalists for serving the public good. Saturday night's banquet not far from the White House attracted the usual assortment of stars from Hollywood and beyond. Actors Kevin Spacey, Julia Louis-Dreyfus and Claire Danes, who play government characters on series, were among the attendees, as was Korean entertainer Psy. Several Cabinet members, governors and members of Congress were present. And despite coming at a somber time, nearly two weeks after the deadly Boston Marathon bombing and 10 days after a devastating fertilizer plant explosion in West, Texas, the president and political allies and rivals alike took the opportunity to enjoy some humor. Late-night talk-show host Conan O'Brien headlined the event.

The gala also was an opportunity for six journalists, including Associated Press White House Correspondent Julie Pace, to be honored for their coverage of the presidency and national issues.

The New Yorker's Ryan Lizza won the Aldo Beckman Award, which recognizes excellence in the coverage of the presidency. □



President Barack Obama laughs with Michael Clemente, Executive Vice President of Fox News, during Conan O'Brien speech at the White House Correspondents' Association Dinner at the Washington Hilton Hotel, Saturday, April 27, 2013, in Washington.

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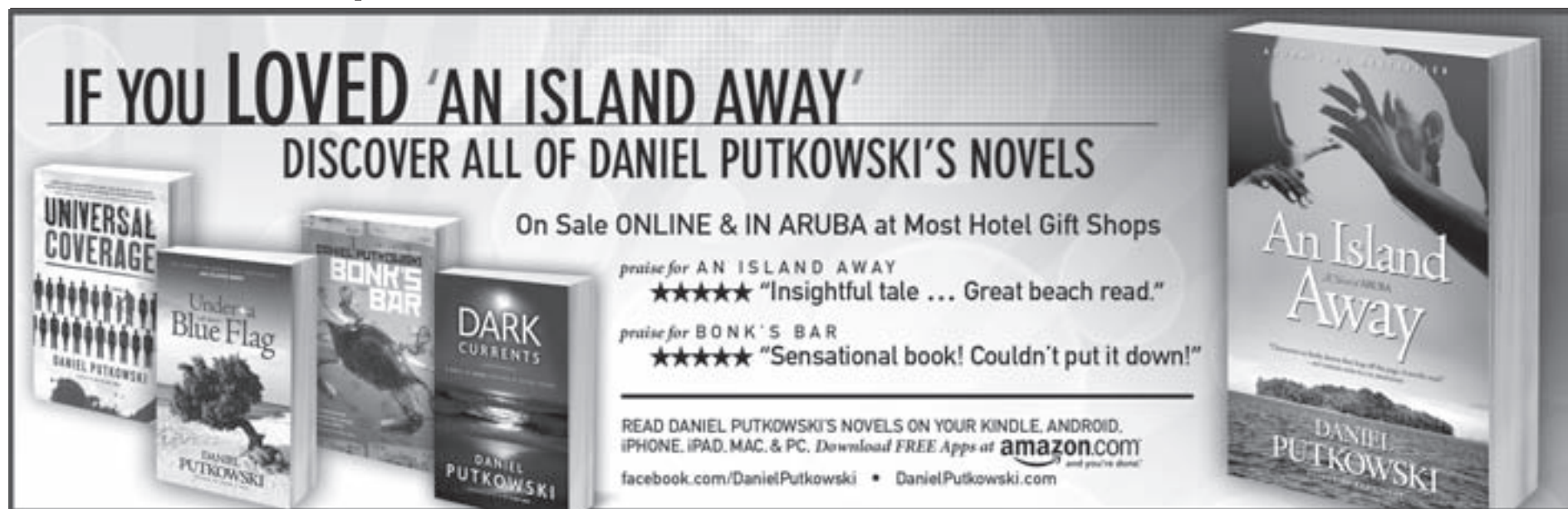
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Egypt's Morsi, judges compromising on reform law

AYA BATRAWY
Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — The Egyptian president's office indicated Sunday a compromise has been reached with the judiciary to defuse an uproar over a proposed law that would have forced out thousands of the country's most senior judges.

Just three days earlier, the country's Islamist-led parliament pushed ahead with the disputed bill that would have lowered the retirement age for judges from 70 to 60. That would affect nearly a quarter of Egypt's 13,000 judges and prosecution officials.

The draft also would have barred the courts from reviewing or overturning presidential decrees issued by the president late last year, including his unilateral appointment of a new top prosecutor.

The crisis over the judiciary is a reflection of the deep polarization that has split the country over the rule of Morsi and his Muslim Brotherhood party. Morsi has been in a power struggle with the judiciary since his June election.

In an attempt to resolve the situation, Morsi met Sunday with five top judges. A statement from the president's office after the meeting said Morsi will launch a conference this week to work out a compromise with judges regarding laws that affect the judiciary.

"The president said he will personally adopt all the conclusions of the confer-



Egyptian president Mohammed Morsi, center, attends Friday prayers in Cairo, Egypt, Friday, April 26, 2013.

(AP Photo/Egyptian Presidency)

ence for proposals of bills in order to submit them to the legislative council," the statement said.

After the meeting, opponents of the proposed law canceled protests set for Monday.

The president's allies say the courts are filled with loyalists of the deposed regime of Hosni Mubarak. The opposition accuses Morsi's backers of calling for reform of the judiciary as a cover to install their own supporters.

A protest by opponents and supporters of the bill led to street clashes in the capital nine days ago, and thousands of judges met last week to demand international organizations investigate the crisis. The

dispute also prompted the resignations of top aides and advisers to the presidency.

The announcement by the president's office effectively shelves the law that was under discussion by lawmakers. A new proposal for a judicial reform law will likely first be agreed upon by Morsi and judges, and then be sent to the parliament.

Morsi is also facing divisions within the country's battered police force.

Dozens of Egyptian police officers disobeyed orders Sunday and stormed a superior's office in the capital, shut down a security directorate in the north and went on strike in the south. It was the year's third wave

of strikes by police, who demand incentives like better wages, greater firepower and more benefits.

The police force has not recovered from the days of the 2011 uprising that deposed Mubarak. His police were a symbol of the regime's unchecked powers and abuses, and they were forced from the streets in the early stages of the revolt by angry protesters.

The Interior Ministry, which oversees police in Egypt, relies on low-ranking police to protect government buildings. Hundreds of policemen have been wounded this year and several have been killed in anti-government protests. Dozens of low-ranking officers stormed the office of

the deputy interior minister in charge of health care for police. His office is inside the main police hospital in Cairo's Nileside neighborhood of Agouza. They said promises of better health care have gone unfulfilled. In the south, police at five stations in the province of Assuit went on strike, charging that the government did not fulfill any of their demands.

In the Nile Delta province of Kafr el-Sheikh, police locked the gate to the security division with chains, according to security officials and state media reports.

Strikes also spread north of Cairo to Sharqiya and the Suez Canal city of Ismailiya. Some are also calling for the dismissal of Interior Minister Mohammed Ibrahim. The minister met with some of the protesting policemen Sunday.

Others are protesting alleged attempts by the powerful Muslim Brotherhood to try to control the force, a charge the Islamist group denies. For decades, Egypt's police aggressively targeted the Brotherhood, and Morsi himself was imprisoned under Mubarak.

There are concerns that a recent decision to purchase 100,000 new 9mm pistols for police could lead to an even greater use of excessive force against unarmed protesters and civilians. Officer Mohammed Mustafa was among those who stormed the deputy minister's office in Cairo on Sunday. □



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Iraq suspends Al-Jazeera and 9 Iraqi TV channels



Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, center right, Iraqi acting Defense Minister Sadun al-Dulaymi, center left, government officials, and parliament members, attend the funeral procession of five slain soldiers at the headquarters of the Iraqi Ministry of Defense in Baghdad, Iraq, Sunday, April 28, 2012.

(AP Photo/Hadi Mizban)

SAMEER YACIOUB
Associated Press

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraqi authorities suspended the operating licenses of pan-Arab broadcaster Al-Jazeera and nine Iraqi TV channels on Sunday after accusing them of escalating sectarian tension. The move signaled the Shiite-led government's mounting worries over deteriorating security amid Sunni unrest and clashes that have left more than 180 people dead in less than a week. The suspensions, which took effect immediately, appeared to target mainly Sunni channels known for criticizing Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's

government. Apart from Al-Jazeera, the decision affected eight Sunni and one Shiite channels. The government's action comes as Baghdad tries to quell rising unrest in the country that erupted last week after Iraqi security forces launched a deadly crackdown on a Sunni protest site in the central city of Hawija, killing 23 people, including three soldiers. Since then, more than 180 people have been killed in gunbattles with security forces and other attacks. The recent wave of violence follows more than four months of largely peaceful protests by Iraq's Sunni Muslim minority

against Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's government. Iraqi viewers will still be able to watch the channels, but the suspensions issued by Iraq's Communications and Media Commission state that if the 10 stations try to work on Iraqi territory they will face legal action from security forces. The decree essentially prevents news crews from the stations from reporting on activities in Iraq. Sunni

lawmaker Dahfir al-Ani described the move as part of the government's attempts "to cover up the bloodshed that took place in Hawija and what is going on in other places in the country." Al-Jazeera, based in the small, energy-rich Gulf nation of Qatar, said it was "astonished" by the move. "We cover all sides of the stories in Iraq, and have done for many years. The fact that so

many channels have been hit all at once, though, suggests this is an indiscriminate decision," it said in an emailed statement. "We urge the authorities to uphold freedom for the media to report the important stories taking place in Iraq." The channel has aggressively covered the "Arab Spring" uprisings across the region, and has broadcast extensively on the civil war in neighboring Syria. □



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Mini-stroke may limit ambitions of Algerian president

PAUL SCHEMM
Associated Press

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) — The mini-stroke suffered by Algeria's president has cast fresh doubt on his perceived ambition to run for a fourth term next year as leader of one of Africa's largest and richest countries.

The possibility that President Abdelaziz Bouteflika, 76, could step down could affect the stability of this key U.S. ally in the fight against terror but might also open up its long-stagnant politics.

Bouteflika on Saturday had a brief blockage of a cerebral blood vessel known as a transient ischemic attack, which authorities said he quickly recovered from and had no lasting complications. He was sent to

a military hospital in Paris for tests, however, and remained there Sunday night.

Algeria's state news agency has been uncommonly open about the president's latest health problem but insisted he will be back to work soon.

"He has not had any lasting damage and no motor or sensory function has been impaired," Rachid Bougherbal, the director of the institute of sports medicine, told the state news agency.

Such mini-strokes — known as TIAs — have symptoms of confusion and disorientation. They are quite brief but can re-occur. In a third of the cases, a full stroke can happen within a year, according to the American Stroke Association.

The mini-stroke has come during a delicate time in Bouteflika's 14-year-reign, as rumors over his poor health have proliferated and he has rarely appeared in public. Charges of corruption have

employment rate.

Despite announcing that he would step down at the next presidential election, it is widely believed that Bouteflika wants to run for a fourth term in April 2014. So convinced are residents

thing," he added, explaining that the army and the intelligence services were increasingly upset over the rising tide of corruption.

Bouteflika's last term has seen a proliferation of corruption charges that have embroiled many of his former ministers and associates, mostly revolving around bribes paid by foreign companies to win lucrative oil or infrastructure contracts. The charges had even reached up to the president's brother, Said Bouteflika, who had been amassing power as the leader's main adviser until he was forced to resign. Even before the latest scare, the president's diminished health had been slowing down the pace of government, said analyst Mohammed Saidj.

"The council of ministers, which is an important institution for transmitting laws, hasn't met since December," he said. "All these absences can only be explained by one thing: his health doesn't allow him to assume the full duties of the president." Bouteflika was elected in 1999 to a country with a devastated economy that had been savaged by years of civil war with Islamists. He is widely credited with ending the war and putting the country back on its feet, aided by soaring energy prices. □



Algerian President Abdelaziz Bouteflika leaves a voting booth in Algiers. The Algerian State news agency reported Sunday April 28, 2013, Algeria's 76-year old president Bouteflika has been transferred to hospital in Paris for medical treatment following a mini-stroke although tests show he isn't seriously ill, according to the agency. (AP Photo/Sidali Djarboub)

also dogged his administration. Terrorist groups, including one that carried out a massive attack on an Algerian gas field in January, are also known to be in remote desert areas along Algeria's borders. There has also been a great deal of social unrest in this North African nation of 37 million, especially over Algeria's high unem-

of this unspoken desire of the president that there has been no talk of other candidates, only when he will make his announcement.

"This totally ends the chances of his fourth term," said Chafik Mesbah, a political analyst and former member of the military intelligence.

"This is ultimately a good

Saudis convict 8 on terrorism charges

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — The official Saudi news agency says a court has convicted eight men on terrorism-related charges, including plotting attacks on an oil refinery.

The defendants, seven Saudis and one Yemeni, were given prison sentences ranging from four

months to eight years.

The official Saudi Press Agency reported Sunday that all eight were banned from traveling abroad for at least one year after their release.

Saudi Arabia runs a rehabilitation program that aims to dissuade militants

from fighting alongside al-Qaida.

An audio recording released this month by al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula urged Saudis to revolt against the kingdom for allowing U.S. drones to launch missions from its soil and strike militants in neighboring Yemen. □



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A man carrying a sign saying "No more blood of journalists" during a protest to demand justice in the Regina Martinez case, a journalist killed a year ago, and an end to more recent attacks on the press in Veracruz, Mexico, Sunday April 28, 2013. (AP Photo/Felix Marquez)

Mexican journalists protest against attacks on the press

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XALAPA, Mexico (AP) — Officials in Veracruz state say they know who killed Regina Martinez. The muckraking reporter, found beaten and suffocated in her house, was just the victim of a robbery, according to prosecutors and a local court.

But many of her colleagues don't believe it. The man convicted of the crime was tortured into a confession, they allege. And the magazine she works for says state officials discussed sending police across the country in an attempt to hunt down and seize another reporter who raised questions about the death, which is one of a growing list of killings that have put Mexico among the most dangerous places in the world to be a journalist.

Some 400 people gathered Sunday in the center of Veracruz's state capital, Xalapa, for a march to demand justice in the Martinez case and an end to attacks on the press. Many held up posters suggesting the government had a hand in the case, some describing it as "a state killing." Dozens also protested in Mexico City.

The New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists said in a February report that 12 Mexican journalists went missing in 2006-2012 and 14 were killed because of their work. Mexico's federal Human Rights Commission lists 81 journalists killed since 2000. Martinez was the Xalapa correspondent for Proceso, one of Mexico's most respected investigative newsmagazines, and she was one of the few in the state who continued to work on stories related to drug cartels. Her last story for the magazine was about the arrest of nine police officers accused of links to traffickers.

State officials accused a man named Jorge Antonio Hernandez Silva of taking part in the killing, saying it came during a robbery, and he was sentenced this month to 38 years in prison. But he asserted he was forced to confess through several days of torture, and Proceso's editors don't believe the killing has been solved, noting that none of the fingerprints found at the scene of the killing match those of Hernandez Silva.

"Those who are truly guilty have not been identified," the magazine said in an online statement. □

Venezuela: American man charged with conspiracy

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CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — An American filmmaker was formally charged this weekend by Venezuelan officials who accuse him of

and opposition. Friends say Tracy is an innocent, self-funded documentary filmmaker with no political aims or government ties. The U.S. government has also said Tracy is innocent but declined

North Carolina. Separately, Venezuelan officials said Saturday that they have arrested a retired general who had become a fierce critic of the government, a detention the opposition called part



Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro, right, talks with reporters after a wreath-laying ceremony at the Jose Marti monument in Havana, Cuba, Saturday, April 27, 2013. Maduro is in Cuba to sign agreements with the government of Raul Castro. An American filmmaker was formally charged with conspiracy this weekend by Venezuelan officials.

(AP Photo/Ramon Espinosa)

paying right-wing groups to foment postelection unrest on behalf of U.S. intelligence.

The federal prosecutor's office said Timothy Tracy, 35, of West Hollywood, California, was charged with crimes including conspiracy, association for criminal purposes and use of a false document.

On Thursday, President Nicolas Maduro said he had personally ordered Tracy's arrest on suspicion of "creating violence in the cities of this country" in the wake of an April 14 presidential election narrowly won by the hand-picked successor to Hugo Chavez. Opposition candidate Henrique Capriles contends the election was stolen from him by fraud, setting up postelection tensions and bitter accusations between Venezuela's government

comment on the specifics of his case. Venezuela's national prosecutor's office said a judge had ordered Tracy held until further notice in a jail run by the national intelligence service in the capital, Caracas, because he presented a risk of flight.

Tracy had a translator and private lawyers hired by him, or on his behalf, during the hearing, prosecutors said. The Georgetown University English graduate was a story consultant on the 2009 documentary "American Harmony," about competitive barber-shop quartet singing, and produced the recent Discovery Channel program "Under Siege," about terrorism and smuggling across the U.S.-Canada border as well the History Channel series "Madhouse," on modified race-car drivers in

of a hardening crackdown in the wake of the disputed election.

Retired Brig. Gen. Antonio Rivero gained fame for denouncing Cuban involvement in the Venezuelan military in 2010 and became a prominent member of the opposition, participating in post-vote protests this month.

Rivero appeared in a brief video of a postelection protest that prosecutors played for the press Thursday after announcing Tracy's arrest. They said the video was taken from Tracy's belongings, along with another short video that shows a group of young people talking, in what appears to be a joking, sarcastic manner, about being paid many millions of dollars to participate in anti-government demonstrations. □

US tries new aerial tools in Caribbean drug fight

BEN FOX

Associated Press

ABOARD THE HIGH SPEED VESSEL SWIFT (AP) — Drug

smugglers who race across the Caribbean in speedboats will typically jettison their cargo when spotted by surveillance aircraft, hoping any chance of prosecuting them will vanish with the drugs sinking to the bottom of the sea.

That may be a less winning tactic in the future. The U.S. Navy on Friday began testing two new aerial tools, borrowed from the battlefields of Afghanistan and Iraq, that officials say will make it easier to detect, track and videotape drug smugglers in action.

One of the devices on display aboard the High Speed Vessel Swift is a large, white balloon-like craft known as an aerostat, which is tethered up to 2,000 feet (600 meters) above the ship's stern. The other tool on board for tests in the Florida Straits is a type of drone that can be launched by hand from the deck.

Together, they expand the



U.S. Navy Rear Admiral Sinclair Harris looks at a balloon-like craft known as an aerostat that is attached to the back of his high speed vessel Swift docked in Key West, Florida, Friday, April 26, 2013. The U.S. Navy on Friday began testing two new aerial tools, borrowed from the battlefields of Afghanistan and Iraq, that officials say will make it easier to detect, track and videotape drug smugglers in action. (AP Photo/Ben Fox)

ability of Navy and Coast Guard personnel to see what's beyond their horizon, according to officials from both military branches and the contractors hoping to sell the devices to the U.S. government.

The devices should allow authorities to detect and monitor suspected drug shipments from afar for longer sustained periods, giving them a better chance of stopping the smugglers. They also should allow them to make continuous videotapes that can be used in prosecutions.

"Being able to see them and watch what they are doing even before we get there is going to give us an edge," said Chief Chris Sinclair, assistant officer in charge of a law enforcement detachment on board the Swift, a private vessel leased to the Navy that is about to begin a monthlong deployment to the southwestern Caribbean, tracking the busy smuggling routes off Colombia and Honduras.

Crews practiced launching and operating both

systems before a small contingent of news media on board the Swift, managing to bring back video of vessels participating in a mock surveillance mission as well as radar and video images of the fishing charters and sailboats that dot the choppy seas separating Cuba from the U.S. mainland.

The drone, officially a Puma All Environment unmanned aircraft system from Aerovironment Inc. of Simi Valley, California, splashed into the water on one landing and had to be retrieved. On the second round, it clacked noisily but intact on the shifting deck of the 321-foot ship. Rear Adm. Sinclair Harris, commander of the Navy's 4th Fleet, said the devices are necessary at a time when the service is making a transition to smaller, faster ships amid budget cuts.

The aerostat, formally the Aerostar TIF-25K and made by a division of Raven Industries Inc. of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, is filled with helium.

It's an old technology, models of which have been used for decades, but it's packed with cameras and sensors that expand the ship's radar capability from about 5 miles (8 kilometers) to about 50 miles.

That can help teams in an on-board control center to identify larger ships, which now would appear as just dots on the horizon, from as far as 15 miles (25 kilometers) away.

The Puma, meanwhile, can be sent out to inspect a vessel flagged by the larger aerostat and give a "God's eye view," of what's happening on board, a job usually handled by a plane or helicopter, said Craig Benson, director of business development for the company. Both the aerostat and the drone have been used widely by the U.S. government for overseas actions, but Harris and others aboard the Swift said neither has been used before by the Navy to conduct counter-drug operations.

Leftist priests: Francis can fix church 'in ruins'

JESSICA WEISS

Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina

(AP) — A new pope from Latin America known for ministering to the poor in his country's slums is raising the hopes of advocates of liberation theology, whose leftist social activism had alarmed previous pontiffs. Prominent liberation theologian Leonardo Boff said Pope Francis has what it takes to fix a church "in ruins" and shares his movement's commitment to building a church for the world's poor.

"With this pope, a Jesuit and a pope from the Third World, we can breathe happiness," Boff said Saturday at a Buenos Aires book fair.

Pope Francis has both the vigor and tenderness that we need to create a new spiritual world."

The 74-year-old Brazilian theologian was pressured to remain silent by previous popes who tried to draw a

hard line between socially active priests and leftist politics. As Argentina's leading cardinal before he became pope, Francis reinforced this line, suggesting in 2010 that reading the Gospel with a Marxist interpretation only gets priests in trouble.

But Boff says the label of a closed-minded conservative simply doesn't fit Francis.

"Pope Francis comes with the perspective that many of us in Latin America share. In our churches we do not just discuss theological theories, like in European churches.

Our churches work together to support universal causes, causes like human rights, from the perspective of the poor, the destiny of humanity that is suffering, services for people living on the margins."

The liberation theology movement, which seeks to free lives as well as souls, emerged in the 1960s and

quickly spread, especially in Latin America. Priests and church laypeople became deeply involved in human rights and social struggles. Some were caught up in clashes between repressive governments and rebels, sometimes at the cost of their lives.

The movement's martyrs include El Salvador's Archbishop Oscar Romero, whose increasing criticism of his country's military-run government provoked his assassination as he was saying Mass in 1980. He was killed by thugs connected to the military hierarchy a day after he preached that "no soldier is obliged to obey an order that is contrary to the will of God." His killing presaged a civil war that killed nearly 90,000 over the next 12 years.

The case for beatification of Romero languished under popes John Paul II and Benedict XVI due to their opposition to liberation

theology, but he was put back on track to becoming a saint days after Francis became pope.

Scores of other liberation theologians were killed in the 1970s and 1980s.

Six Jesuit teachers were slaughtered at their university in El Salvador in 1989. Other priests and lay workers were tortured and vanished in the prisons of Chile and Argentina.

Some were shot to death while demanding land rights for the poor in Brazil. A handful went further and picked up arms, or died accompanying rebel columns as chaplains, such as American Jesuit James Carney, who died in Honduras in 1983.

While even John Paul embraced the "preferential option for the poor" at the heart of the movement, most church leaders were unhappy to see intellectuals mixing doses of Marxism and class struggle into their analysis of the Gospel.

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Associated Press

Celts top Knicks in OT, avoid playoff sweep

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BOSTON (AP) — Jason Terry scored Boston's last nine points and the Celtics weathered a strong comeback by the New York Knicks, avoiding a sweep with a 97-90 overtime win on Sunday.

Paul Pierce led the Celtics with 29 points as they forced a fifth game in the series, but it was Terry who provided the finishing touches.

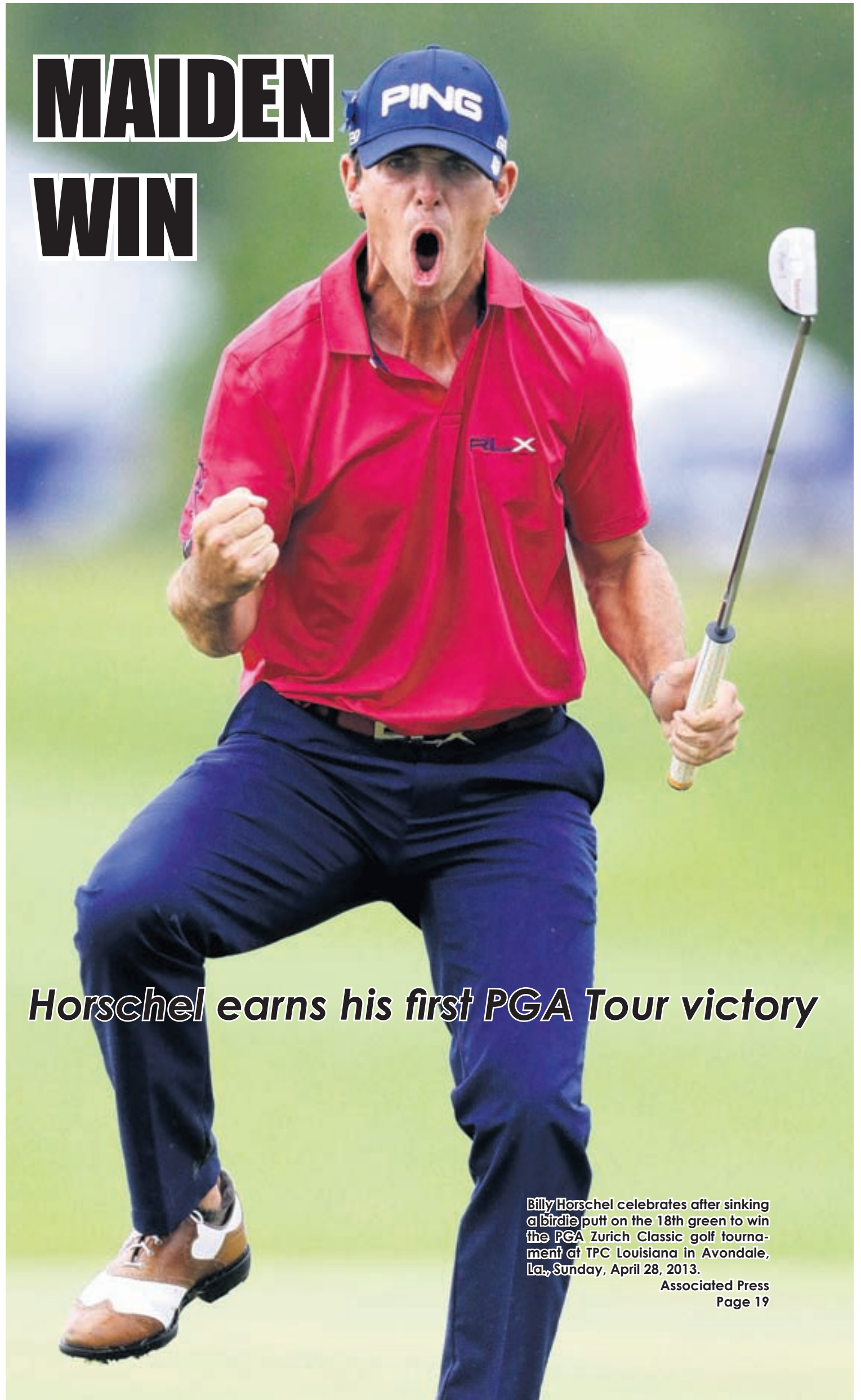
In Game 3, he had been elbowed by J.R. Smith, and the NBA suspended the Knicks guard for Sunday's game.

New York had tied the game 84-84 after trailing by 20 points early in the third quarter. It was 88-all before the Celtics regained control and took the lead for good on a 3-pointer by Terry. Carmelo Anthony, who led the Knicks with 36 points, hit a short jumper, but Terry connected on a 15-footer with 50 seconds remaining for a 93-90 lead.

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MAIDEN WIN

Horschel earns his first PGA Tour victory



Billy Horschel celebrates after sinking a birdie putt on the 18th green to win the PGA Zurich Classic golf tournament at TPC Louisiana in Avondale, La., Sunday, April 28, 2013.

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Nadal beats Almagro to win 8th Barcelona Open

JOSEPH WILSON

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BARCELONA, Spain (AP) — Rafael Nadal won the Barcelona Open for the eighth time Sunday after seeing off Nicolas Almagro 6-4, 6-3 in the final.

Almagro played aggressively early on and built a 3-0 lead, but Nadal found his form and broke his fellow Spaniard in three of his next four service games to take the initiative for good. It was Nadal's 54th career title and fourth this year, having made six straight finals after returning from a knee injury that had kept him off the courts since last summer.

The title came one week after Nadal's eight-year reign at Monte Carlo ended in a loss to top-ranked Novak Djokovic.

"I am very happy," Nadal said. "It has been an important week for me to win here again and a great



Rafael Nadal of Spain bites the trophy after his victory over Nicolas Almagro during the Barcelona final open tennis in Barcelona, Spain, Sunday, April 28, 2013.

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source of joy after everything I have been through." Nadal has won 39 straight matches on the red clay at Real Club de Tennis, with his last loss coming 10 years ago to Spain's Davis Cup captain, Alex Corretja. The 26-year-old Nadal won the

tournament from 2005-09 but missed the 2010 edition because of a knee injury. He has won every year since.

"I didn't know in 2005 that I would win again or that in 2013 I would still be winning," Nadal said.

His latest trophy is a promising sign that he is getting back to full fitness after his nagging case of tendinitis in time for the French Open beginning at the end of May.

"With just these six tournament since I have returned, I have managed to assure my place in the top 10 one more year, which is positive," said Nadal. "These months of work have been worth it."

Even so, Nadal was hesitant to read too much into his impressive return as far as what it means for the upcoming Grand Slam at Roland Garros, where he has won a record seven times. "This win doesn't mean much (about the future)," he said. "Just that I am in good form since I have come back. The results are fantastic, I would never have imagined them and they are better than I had dreamed."

"I am back playing at a high level."

Nadal dominated the second set, but Almagro enjoyed a good start and stole Nadal's first service game with a forehand winner before holding his serve to love.

Almagro continued to work Nadal around the court with his deep backhand strokes and broke Nadal yet again for a 3-0 lead following a long rally when he swatted a running cross-court return past the favorite.

Nadal then showed why he hasn't lost here in a decade, rolling off four straight games to take control.

"It was important for me to get the break down 3-0," Nadal said.

Almagro was serving up 30-0 and committed a series of errors including a final double fault to let Nadal level at three games apiece. □

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Horschel captures first PGA win at Zurich Classic

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(AP) — Billy Horschel shot an 8-under 64 in the final round of the Zurich Classic, maintaining his composure through two weather delays for his first-career PGA Tour victory Sunday. Kyle Stanley shot a 5-under 67 to finish third, while Chinese 14-year-old amateur Guan Tianlang finished 71st after making his second cut in two PGA events, the first coming famously at the Masters. Horschel sealed the win with a 27-foot birdie putt on 18, after which he pumped his arms and screamed in triumph, before sinking into a crouch and briefly pulling his cap over his face as the crowd roared.

Although Horschel had never won on the Tour, he had been playing the best golf of his young career lately, with three top 10 finishes in his past three tournaments — tying for second in Houston, tying for third in San Antonio and tying for ninth in Hilton Head Island, S.C., a week ago.

He has also made a PGA Tour-leading 23 straight cuts, and had already earned \$1.3 million this year. Now he has nearly doubled that, thanks to a final round which tied a single-round course record that has been matched several times, including by Rickey Barnes in Thursday's first round.

Horschel began the day at 12-under, two shots behind third-round Glover. He began to make his move up the leaderboard with his first birdie on the fifth hole. His string of six straight birdies ran from seventh through 12th holes move him to 7-under on the round and 19-under for the tournament.

On the par-5 seventh hole, Horschel chipped from about 89 feet to within 2 feet to set up his first birdie putt. He made a 9-foot birdie putt on eight and then hit a 191-yard tee shot about 4 feet from the pin to set up a birdie on the par-3 ninth.

He made a birdie putts from 13½ feet (4 meters) on 10, from 6 feet (2 meters) on 11 and 15½ feet (4.5 meters) on 12. Horschel bogeyed 15th hole after twice hitting in the right rough to fall back into a tie with Points.

But Horschel then birdied 16 by hitting a 109-yard approach within 5 feet, putting him back at 19-under and restoring his one-shot lead.

Points, playing in the same crowd-pleasing group as Horschel, birdied the 10th through 13th holes to stay on Horschel's heels. However, he left a 98-yard approach shot 30 feet (9 meters) short and left on 16, where he lost the lead.

Glover, the 2009 U.S. Open winner who was looking for his first Tour victory in about two years, took a two-shot lead into the final round and opened with five pars — narrowly missing birdie when his put rimmed out on the first hole.

He was about to line up a birdie putt from 27 feet when a horn sounded, signaling nearby lightning. Play was halted immediately and a downpour ensued shortly after, causing a 2-hour, 54-minute delay. Glover two-putted for par when play resumed, then struggled on the seventh hole, hitting his drive to an uphill lie in the rough on the edge of a pot bunker.

That forced him to lay up, and he chipped over the green and wound up with a bogey on a hole that many players birdied or eagled. That dropped him out of the lead for good, and he wound up finishing tied for fourth with Bobby Gates, five shots off the lead. □



Current leader Billy Horschel reacts after missing a birdie putt on the 14th green during the final round of the PGA Zurich Classic golf tournament at TPC Louisiana in Avondale, La., Sunday, April 28, 2013.

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James leads Heat over Bucks and into next round

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MILWAUKEE (AP) - LeBron James can cross another item off his to-do list.

James scored 30 points, Ray Allen had another big game against his old team and the Miami Heat got their first playoff sweep in the Big Three era, advancing to the Eastern Conference semifinals with an 88-77 victory over the Milwaukee Bucks on Sunday.

"It was our next big step as far as our growth," James said. "It's so hard to win on the road in the playoffs, in someone's building - especially when someone is playing for their last life. It's a big step for us."

And now the Heat have some much-needed time to rest. Dwyane Wade sat out Sunday's game, only the second postseason game he's missed in his career, because of his aching right knee. But with Miami not playing until next Saturday, at the earliest, he'll have plenty of time to treat the three bone bruises that caused him to miss six games near the end of the



Miami Heat's LeBron James dunks against the Milwaukee Bucks during the first half of Game 4 in a first-round NBA basketball playoff series, Sunday, April 28, 2013, in Milwaukee.

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regular season.

Miami plays the winner of the Brooklyn-Chicago series. The Bulls lead that series 3-1, with Game 5 on

Monday night in New York. "It's big," Wade said of the time off. "Obviously, we're one of the oldest teams in the league, maybe the

oldest team in terms of rotation players. Guys have some bumps and bruises coming out of this series, so it's going to be great to get some rest. But also we have to take this time to continue to stay sharp, to continue to stay in shape as well."

Judging by the clinical way in which the Heat dissected the Bucks in this series, that isn't likely to be a problem.

The defending NBA champions won each game by double digits, getting contributions from their stars and subs alike. Allen finished with 16 points, the third time in the series he scored in double figures, and was 4 of 7 from 3-point range.

Udonis Haslem added 13 points and five rebounds, and Mario Chalmers kicked in eight rebounds and six assists for Miami, which never trailed Sunday.

"They had the whole package," Bucks coach Jim Boylan said. "When you can afford to sit guy like Dwyane Wade and perform at the level they

performed at, that's a championship-caliber team."

Monta Ellis led the Bucks with 21 points, and Larry Sanders had 11 rebounds to go with seven points.

But Milwaukee got almost nothing again from Brandon Jennings, who didn't even play in the fourth quarter. Jennings, who had guaranteed the Bucks would win the series in six games, finished with three points on 1-of-7 shooting.

After scoring 26 points in Game 1, Jennings had 27 total in the final three.

"Frustrated, a little down because I came into this season with so much confidence," he said. "I thought we had a chance to steal a game in Game 1, Game 2. We let that slip away from us. Game 3, we came back home. Had a 10-point lead, lost that. I mean it's frustration all around."

The Heat had chances to sweep their first-round series in each of the last two seasons, taking 3-0 leads on Philadelphia (2011) and New York (2012). But they couldn't close it out, losing Game 4 each year.

That wasn't going to happen against the Bucks. Even with Wade reduced to a spectator.

Wade got treatment "around the clock" the last two days in hopes of playing Sunday, and he tested his knee before the game. But he and the Heat decided it wasn't worth risking aggravating the injury further, and he spent the entire game on the bench in his warmups.

"He gave me the nod saying he wasn't going to go, so I knew had to pick it up a little more and try to bring us home, bring this win home for us," James said.

That he did, adding eight rebounds, seven assists and three steals to his 30 points.

"We just space the floor and see if they can stop him. If not, he knows where we are," Allen said. "We just give him that room to operate." □ The Heat led

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Celts top Knicks in OT

After Anthony missed a 3-pointer with 21 seconds to go, Terry was fouled and sank both free throws. He added a layup to close out the game.

But the Celtics still have a huge deficit in trying to become the first team to win after trailing a series 3-0. Game 5 is Wednesday night in New York, where the Knicks can win their first playoff series in 13 years.

Jeff Green scored 26 points for the Celtics and Terry finished with 18.

The Celtics showed renewed energy early after being held below 80 points in each of the first three games. They led 54-35 at halftime and 59-39 three minutes into the third quarter before their recent second-half woes returned. In previous first halves, they scored just 25 points in

Game 1 and 23 in Game 2. On Sunday, they were outscored 30-14 in the third quarter and led just 68-65 heading into the fourth.

Boston held a 65-51 lead when Anthony went to the bench with 3:35 remaining. The Knicks outscored the Celtics 14-3 the rest of the way behind 11 points from Felton and a 3-pointer from Iman Shumpert. Felton finished with 16 points in the quarter and 27 in the game.

The Knicks played the first half as if they had taken shooting lessons from the Celtics. New York hit just 28.9 percent of its shots (11 for 38) after Boston made only 39.5 percent of its attempts in the first three games.

The Celtics found their range from the start and connected on 51.3 percent (20 for 39). □



Boston Celtics guard Jason Terry celebrates his basket against the New York Knicks during overtime of Game 4 of a first-round NBA basketball playoff series in Boston, Sunday, April 28, 2013.

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Colorado Avalanche head coach Joe Sacco, back, looks on as his players take a break during a time out against the Minnesota Wild in the second period of an NHL hockey game in Denver on Saturday, April 27, 2013.

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Avalanche fire coach Joe Sacco

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DENVER (AP) — Colorado Avalanche coach Joe Sacco was fired on Sunday after the team missed the playoffs for the third straight season.

The Avs never got on track in the lockout-shortened season and finished last in the Western Conference. Sacco was in his fourth season in charge of Colorado and wound up with a 130-134-30 mark. He had one year left on his contract.

"The organization believes a change of leadership behind the bench is needed going forward," general manager Greg Sherman said in a release. "Joe has worked for this franchise for eight seasons and he is a dedicated and hard-working coach. We appreciate all he has done and wish him the best in the future." The Avs will soon begin their search for a replacement.

Sacco spent two seasons in charge of the organization's American Hockey League affiliate squad, the Lake Erie Monsters, before taking over the Avs in 2009 after the firing of Tony Granato.

A former NHL player, Sacco preached a fast-paced style and it served the youthful Avalanche well in his first season as the team earned a postseason spot. He was even a finalist for the NHL's coach of the year.

But Colorado couldn't duplicate that success. Moments after a 3-1 loss to Minnesota on Saturday to close out the regular season, Sacco was asked about his future, saying, "We're certainly headed in the right direction."

His team was committed to his up-tempo philosophy. Matt Duchene recently said that Sacco's message was still getting across. □

Sharapova beats Li in Porsche GP final



Maria Sharapova from Russia returns a ball to Li Na from China during the final of the WTA tennis Porsche GP in Stuttgart, Germany, Sunday, April 28, 2013.

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STUTTGART, Germany (AP)

— Maria Sharapova beat Li Na 6-4, 6-3 on Sunday to defend her WTA Porsche Grand Prix title in a final that brought together the last two French Open champions.

The top-seeded Russian swept to her second title of the year after winning in Indian Wells, and became the first player to defend the Stuttgart title since Lindsey Davenport in 2005.

"I thought it'd be the toughest match of the tournament, but I played my best tennis today," Sharapova said. "I was able to step it up."

Sharapova used the Stuttgart tournament as her clay-court debut just like last season, when she went on to capture the French

Open.

The second-seeded Li double-faulted on match point and had another one earlier in the final game, as Sharapova collected the 29th title of her career — and a sports car to go with it.

"I was under pressure on her return, she was aggressive," Li said.

Sharapova, ranked No. 2 in the world, had to fight through three long three-setters to get to the championship match, but there was little drama in the final. The Russian opened with a break and went up 4-1 before Li could pull back one break. But that was not enough and Sharapova closed out the set with a service winner.

"I tried to put it together from the start," Sharapova said.

Li, who became the first Chinese player to win a Grand Slam title with her victory at Roland Garros in 2011, simply didn't have enough consistency to threaten Sharapova, and the Russian gained the key break in the seventh game of the second when Li sent a volley wide.

"I'm a little sad to lose but it's a pretty good start to my clay-court season," Li said.

Sharapova now holds a 9-5 career edge over Li, who beat the Russian in the semifinals of the Australian Open, the first Grand Slam of the year.

It was Sharapova's 16th consecutive win on clay, dating back to Rome last year. Since Stuttgart last year, she is 23-1 on clay. Her only loss was to Serena Williams in Madrid. □



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Eggs, too, could provoke bacteria to raise heart risk

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For the second time in a matter of weeks, a group of researchers has reported a link between the food people eat and bacteria in the intestines that can increase the risk of heart attacks.

Two weeks ago, the investigators reported that carnitine, a compound found in red meat, can increase heart disease risk because of the actions of intestinal bacteria. This time they have reported that the same thing happens with lecithin, which is abundant in egg yolks.

The lecithin study, published last week in The New England Journal of Medicine, is part of a growing appreciation of the role the body's bacteria play in health and disease. With heart disease, investigators have long focused on the role of diet and heart disease, but expanding the scrutiny to bacteria adds a

new dimension.

"Heart disease perhaps involves microbes in our gut," said the study's lead researcher, Dr. Stanley Hazen, chairman of the department of cellular and

breaking it into its constituent parts, including the chemical choline. Intestinal bacteria metabolize choline and release a substance that the liver converts to a chemical known



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(Handout Photo)

molecular medicine at the Cleveland Clinic Lerner Research Institute.

In the case of eggs, the chain of events starts when the body digests lecithin,

as TMAO, for trimethylamine N-oxide. High levels of TMAO in the blood are linked to increased risks of heart attack and stroke.

To show the effect of eggs

on TMAO, Hazen asked volunteers to eat two hard-boiled eggs. They ended up with more TMAO in their blood. If they first took an antibiotic to wipe out intestinal bacteria, however, eggs did not have this effect. To see the effects of TMAO on cardiovascular risk, the investigators studied 4,000 people who had been seen at the Cleveland Clinic. The more TMAO in their blood, the more likely they were to have a heart attack or stroke in the ensuing three years. Carnitine – the red meat chemical – and lecithin are chemically related, Hazen said. As with lecithin, when carnitine is digested, choline is released and can be acted on by intestinal bacteria.

The results of the new studies, though, do not directly prove that reducing TMAO protects against heart disease. That would require large studies following people who lowered their

TMAO levels, which should be possible with a vegetarian or high-fiber diet.

Hazen said people who are worried about heart attacks may want to consider reducing lecithin and choline in their diet, which would require eating less of foods high in fat and cholesterol. In addition, Hazen said, it may be wise to avoid supplements or vitamins with added choline.

In an accompanying editorial, Dr. Joseph Loscalzo of Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston suggested that in the future there may be other ways to reduce blood levels of TMAO. People might take probiotics to encourage the growth of bacteria that do not lead to an increase in TMAO. Or perhaps drugs could squelch the synthesis of TMAO. Those probiotics and drugs, though, do not yet exist, and even the specific bacteria responsible for the increase in TMAO are not yet identified. □

Guidelines issued for medical exams in sexual assault cases

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Techniques for collecting and analyzing evidence in rape cases have evolved over the past decade, as has the understanding of the psychological effects of sexual assault. But how health practitioners, law enforcement officers, prosecutors and others respond after a rape still varies widely across the United States.

On Wednesday, the Department of Justice issued new national guidelines for forensic medical examinations in cases of sexual assault. The recommendations, revised from those issued in 2004, are aimed

at establishing voluntary standards for care when rape victims seek help at hospitals or other medical facilities. The standards will be mandatory for practitioners working in federal prisons or in the military.

The guidelines emphasize that the rape victim's physical and emotional needs should take precedence over criminal justice considerations. The 2004 guidelines "took a more prosecutorial tone," said Bea Hanson, acting director of the Justice Department's Office on Violence Against Women, which developed the protocol, placing more stress on the need for victims to collab-

orate with criminal justice authorities.

"Research shows that once victims get support, they're more likely to cooperate with the criminal justice system," Hanson said.

The new protocol was announced by Attorney General Eric H. Holder Jr. at an award ceremony for crime victims in Washington on Wednesday.

Unlike the 2004 protocol, the new guidelines also recommend that rape victims be offered emergency contraception or – in cases where health professionals have moral objections – information on how to immediately obtain the medication. □




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Military grooms new officers for war in cyberspace

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AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colorado (AP) — The U.S. service academies are ramping up efforts to groom a new breed of cyberspace warriors to confront increasing threats to the nation's military and civilian computer networks that control everything from electrical power grids to the banking system.

Students at the Army, Navy and Air Force academies are taking more courses and participating in elaborate cyberwarfare exercises as the military educates a generation of future commanders in the theory and practice of computer warfare.

The academies have been training cadets in cyber for more than a decade. But the effort has taken on new urgency amid warnings that hostile nations or organizations might be capable of crippling attacks on critical networks.

James Clapper, director of national intelligence, called cyberattack the top threat to national security when he presented the annual Worldwide Threat Assessment to Congress this month. "Threats are more diverse, interconnected, and viral than at any time in history," his report stated. "Destruction can be invisible, latent, and progressive."

China-based hackers have long been accused of cyber intrusions, and earlier this year the cybersecurity firm Mandiant released a report with new details allegedly linking a secret Chinese military unit to years of cyberattacks against U.S. companies. This year, The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal and The Washington Post all reported breaches in their computer systems and said they suspected Chinese hackers. China denies carrying out cyberattacks.

On Tuesday, hackers compromised Associated Press Twitter accounts and sent out a false tweet. AP



In this Feb. 20, 2013 photo, a cadet works at a large computer display inside a classroom at the Center for Cyberspace Research, where cyber warfare is taught, at the U.S. Air Force Academy, in Colorado Springs, Colo.

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quickly put out word that the report was false and that its accounts had been hacked. AP's accounts were shut down until the problem was corrected.

Once viewed as an obscure and even nerdy pursuit, cyber is now seen as one of the hottest fields in warfare — "a great career field in the future," said Ryan Zacher, a junior at the Air Force Academy outside Colorado Springs who switched from aeronautical engineering to computer science.

Last year the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland began requiring freshmen to take a semester on cybersecurity,

and it is adding a second required cyber course for juniors next year.

The school offered a major in cyber operations for the first time this year to the freshman class, and 33 midshipmen, or about 3 percent of the freshmen, signed up for it. Another 79 are majoring in computer engineering, information technology or computer science, bringing majors with a computer emphasis to about 10 percent of the class.

"There's a great deal of interest, much more than we could possibly, initially, entertain," said the academy's superintendent, Vice Adm. Michael Miller.

Since 2004, the Air Force Academy has offered a degree in computer science-cyberwarfare — initially called computer science-information assurance — that requires cadets to take courses in cryptology, information warfare and network security in addition to standard computer science. The academy is retooling a freshman computing course so that more than half its content is about cyberspace, and is looking into adding another cyber course.

"All of these cadets know that they are going to be on the front lines defending the nation in cyber," said Martin Carlisle, a computer science professor at the Air Force Academy and director of the school's Center for Cyberspace Research. About 25 Air Force cadets will graduate this year with the computer science-cyberwarfare degree, and many will go on to advanced studies and work in their service's cyber headquarters or for U.S. Cyber Command at Fort Meade, Md., the Defense Department command responsible for defensive and offensive cyberwarfare.

Almost every Army cadet at the U.S. Military Acad-

emy at West Point, New York, takes two technology courses related to such topics as computer security and privacy. West Point also offers other cyber courses, and a computer security group meets weekly. One of the biggest cybersecurity challenges is keeping up with the head-spinning pace of change in the field.

"You know American history is pretty much the same" every year, said Lt. Col. David Raymond, who teaches a cybersecurity course. "In this domain, it's really tough to keep up with how this thing evolves."

In his congressional report, Clapper noted that the chance of a major attack by Russia, China or another nation with advanced cyber skills is remote outside a military conflict — but that other nations or groups could launch less sophisticated cyberattacks in hopes of provoking the United States or in retaliation for U.S. actions or policies overseas. South Korea accused North Korea of mounting a cyberattack in March that shut down thousands of computers at banks and television broadcasters.

Gen. Keith Alexander, head of U.S. Cyber Command, told Congress in March the command is creating teams to carry out both offensive and defensive operations. A spokesman said the command is drawing cyber officers from the service academies, officer schools and Reserve Officer Training Corps programs.

Teams from the three academies compete in events such as last week's National Security Agency Cyber Defense Exercise, in which they try to keep simulated computer networks running as an NSA "aggressor team" attacks. Teams from the U.S. Coast Guard and Merchant Marine academies also took part, along with graduate students from the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School and Canada's Royal Military College. □



In this Feb. 20, 2013 photo, Martin Carlisle, standing, a computer science professor at the Air Force Academy and director of the school's Center for Cyberspace Research, instructs cadets in cyber warfare, at the U.S. Air Force Academy, in Colorado Springs, Colo.

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Street Beat:

Earnings report: good profits, bad revenues

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AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Procter & Gamble had been on a tear.

The company's stock had climbed 22 percent since the start of the year as the maker of Tide detergent and Crest toothpaste turned in better profits for two quarters in a row. Last Thursday, P&G reported even higher earnings. And its stock immediately dropped 6 percent.

What happened? Like so many other big companies reporting results recently, P&G hit its target for earnings but missed on revenue. Nearly halfway through the first-quarter earnings season, Corporate America is still reporting solid profits, with seven of every ten big companies hurdling over Wall Street's expectations. Sales, however, are another story.

Nearly the same proportion of big companies — six out of ten — have fallen short of revenue targets, according to S&P Capital IQ. The tally so far looks grim: Revenue has shrunk 2.4 percent compared with last year.

"The norm is becoming, beat your earnings, but miss on revenue," says Scott Freeze, president of Street One Financial.

Two problems persist: Europe's ongoing recession and slower economic growth in China. Because nearly half of revenue for Standard & Poor's 500 companies comes from abroad, it would seem logical to think the problem is just overseas. But many companies with a U.S. focus have also reported disappointing revenue.

Freeze says that revenue presents a more accurate picture of Corporate America's health. "You can play with the earnings numbers and have them skewed," he says. "But you can't mess with the revenue numbers — they are what they are. If people are not coming in droves to buy your products, your revenue's going to miss even if your earnings beat."

Aside from Apple's falling profit and some other high-profile flops, the headline numbers for first-quarter earnings appear solid. So far, 271 companies in the S&P 500 have said earnings are up 5 percent over the year before. And 189 of them have cleared Wall Street's estimates.

Investors say that's no surprise. They believe companies set the bar so low that it's easy to jump over it. The 3.6 percent earnings growth analysts expect to see after all the results are

cording to the data provider FactSet.

If the trend continues, experts see a number of consequences:

— Earnings estimates for the coming months will have to come down. Revenues drive profits. And if revenues start to sag, it's going to be difficult for companies in the S&P 500 to have average earnings growth of 8 percent for the rest of the year, which is what analysts currently expect.

— To maintain their profit

that fewer people signed up for phone plans. Boeing delivered just one 787 before the planes were grounded in January because of overheating batteries.

But the recurring theme is weak demand, says Tom Porcelli, chief U.S. economist at RBC Capital Markets. Businesses and individuals just aren't spending enough to push sales up quarter after quarter.

"The economic backdrop remains sluggish," he says. "It's really as simple as



Dawn, a Procter & Gamble product, is displayed at Target in Durham, N.C. Procter & Gamble Co. stock had climbed 22% since the start of the year as the maker of Tide detergent and Crest toothpaste turned in better profits for two quarters in a row. Last Thursday, P&G reported even higher earnings. And its stock immediately dropped 6%.
(AP Photo/Gerry Broome)

tallied works out to \$26.36. That's just \$1 more than the same period last year.

As one company after another turned in weak revenue results last week, analysts, investors and economists started raising concerns about the prospect for future profits.

Some of the biggest names in Corporate America have disappointed, including Google, JP Morgan Chase and IBM, which posted its first drop in revenue in three years. In the past week, AT&T, Xerox and Safeway joined their ranks.

Of the 22 corporate giants in the Dow Jones industrial average that have reported results, 15 have missed their revenue targets, ac-

company margins, companies will look for ways to trim expenses even more. That often means cutting jobs or scaling back spending. Earlier this month, for instance, Caterpillar announced plans to lay off workers in Milwaukee, Decatur, Illinois, and Brussels. The reason? Sales of Caterpillar's large trucks and bulldozers had slumped.

— If either earnings estimates come down or layoffs pick up, it could easily upend the stock market's four-year surge.

To be sure, many of the companies missing their revenue targets are grappling with their own unique problems, says John Butters, senior earnings analyst at FactSet. AT&T reported

that." In the U.S., recent reports showing sagging retail sales and a slump in business orders for big-ticket items have raised concerns about a slowdown. But it's a worldwide trend, Porcelli says.

Economists like Porcelli check surveys to see if manufacturers around the world are ramping up or slowing down production. As of last week, fewer than a fifth of the 34 developed countries reported more activity, down from a third at the start of the year. Back in 2011, three-quarters of these countries said production was picking up. To keep profits rising, companies have been cutting costs to compensate for tepid sales. □

Key executive is said to be leaving JPMorgan Chase

JESSICA SILVER-GREEN-BERG

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A senior executive in the inner circle of JPMorgan Chase chief executive Jamie Dimon is leaving the nation's largest bank, the latest chapter in management turmoil after the bank's multibillion-dollar trading loss.

Frank Bisignano, who was co-chief operating officer, will become chief executive of First Data Corp., a payment processing firm, Dimon said in a statement on Sunday. The trading losses at the bank, the nation's largest, have swelled to more than \$6.2 billion since they were first disclosed almost a year ago. Matt Zames, who had shared the role of chief operating officer with Bisignano, will take over all aspects of the job effective immediately, Dimon said.

"He is a proven business executive, who has performed exceptionally well since coming into his corporate role in May of last year," Dimon said.

With Bisignano's departure, executives who once surrounded Dimon as he helped steer the bank through the 2008 financial crisis will be even thinner. Several other executives have already left, including Heidi Miller, James E. Staley, Bill Winters and Steve Black.

As part of a broad management reshuffling in July, Bisignano was promoted to co-chief operating officer with Zames.

During his time at JPMorgan, Bisignano gained a reputation as a kind of Mr. Fix-It. His reputation had not been tarnished by the outsized bets made by traders in JPMorgan's chief investment office.

He took the reins of JPMorgan's floundering mortgage unit in 2011 just as the bank was grappling with thorny legal issues, including investors who accused the bank of selling shaky mortgage-backed securities that later imploded. □

News Corp. split could boost Murdoch compensation

NEW YORK (AP) — Rupert Murdoch's compensation package could rise by as much as 15 percent after his media empire splits into two separate companies. Regulatory documents filed Friday revealed that Murdoch could be awarded total compensation valued at \$28.3 million during the first year after the breakup of News Corp. That's up from a package valued at \$24.6 million during the current fiscal year ending in June. The difference reflects additional stock awards that Murdoch could receive next year. The full amounts in either year won't be paid to Murdoch unless the companies hit certain financial targets.

Murdoch, already one of the world's wealthiest men with a fortune estimated by Forbes at \$11 billion, will be juggling two different roles once the current operations of News Corp. are disassembled.

The company that will retain the News Corp. name will own book publishers and newspapers, including The Wall Street Journal.

Another company called 21st Century Fox will focus on entertainment, anchored by a movie studio and the Fox television network.

After the split, which is expected to be completed this summer, Murdoch, 82, will be chairman of both companies and CEO of 21st Century Fox. □



TransCanada says Keystone XL to be delayed

ROB GILLIES
Associated Press

TORONTO (AP) — The chief executive of TransCanada Corp. said this weekend the long-delayed Keystone XL pipeline will be in service months later than expected and cost more as it continues to await U.S. government approval.

TransCanada had been sticking to its late 2014 or early 2015 start-up target, but the regulatory process has dragged on. It is now looking at a mid to late-2015 start-up.

CEO Russ Girling noted on a conference call with analysts detailing first quarter results that the controversial pipeline is in its 67th month of the approval process.

"Unfortunately, continued delays ... have an impact on both our schedule and our costs.

Based on our current assessment of timing of the permit we would currently anticipate the pipeline could become operational in the second half of 2015," Girling said.

The Calgary, Alberta-

based company said the \$5.3 billion cost estimate will increase depending on the timing of the permit.

The Obama administration is considering whether to approve the pipeline, which would carry 800,000 barrels of oil a day from Alberta across six U.S. states to the Texas Gulf Coast. A decision is expected this summer.

The pipeline has become a flashpoint in the U.S. debate over climate change. Republicans and business and labor groups have urged

the Obama administration to approve the pipeline as a source of much-needed jobs and a step toward North American energy independence.

Environmental groups have been pressuring President Barack Obama to reject the pipeline, saying it would carry "dirty oil" that contributes to global warming. They also worry about a spill.

"The project very much remains in the interest of the United States and we remain of confident that it will

receive regulatory approval and be constructed," Girling said.

Obama's initial rejection of the pipeline last year went over badly in Canada, which relies on the U.S. for 97 percent of its energy exports.

The pipeline is critical to Canada, which needs infrastructure in place to export its growing oil sands production from northern Alberta. The region has the world's third largest oil reserves, with 170 billion barrels of proven reserves. □

Facebook CEO reaped \$2.3B gain on stock options

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg reaped a gain of nearly \$2.3 billion last year when he exercised 60 million stock options just before the online social networking leader's initial public offering.

The windfall detailed in regulatory documents filed Friday saddled Zuckerberg, 28, with a massive tax bill. He raised the money to pay it by selling 30.2 million Facebook Inc. shares for \$38 apiece, or \$1.1 billion, in the IPO.

Facebook's stock hasn't

closed above \$38 since the IPO was completed last May. The shares gained 71 cents Friday to close at \$26.85.

The 29 percent decline from Facebook's IPO price has cost Zuckerberg nearly \$7 billion on paper, based on the 609.5 million shares of company stock that he owned as of March 31, according to the regulatory filing.

His current stake is still worth \$16.4 billion.

Zuckerberg, who started Facebook in his Harvard University dorm room in

2004, has indicated he has no immediate plans to sell more stock.

The exercise of Zuckerberg's stock options and his subsequent sale of shares in the IPO had been previously disclosed.

The proxy statement filed to announce Facebook's June 11 shareholder meeting is the first time that the magnitude of Zuckerberg's stock option gain had been quantified.

The proxy also revealed that Zuckerberg's pay package last year rose 16 percent because of in-

creased personal usage of jets chartered by the company as part of his security program.

Zuckerberg's compensation last year totaled nearly \$2 million, up from \$1.7 million last year.

Of those amounts, \$1.2 million covered the costs of Zuckerberg's personal air travel last year, up from \$692,679 in 2011.

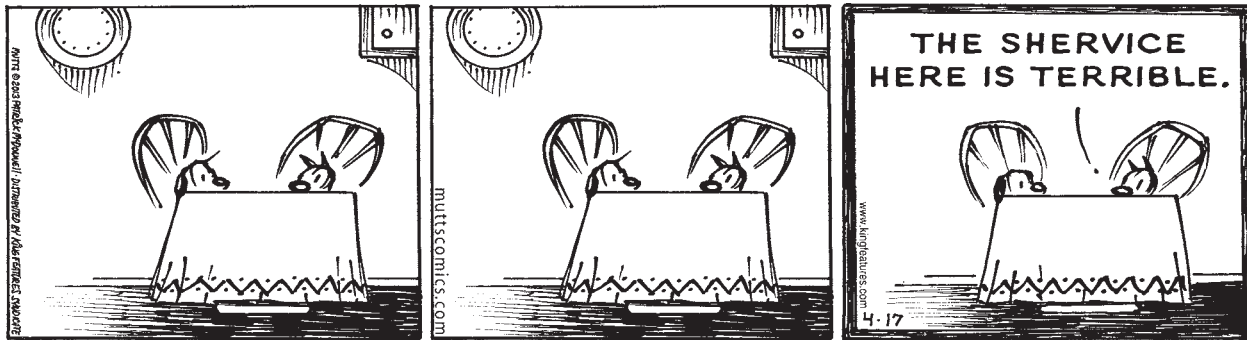
If not for the spike in travel costs, Zuckerberg's pay would have declined by 17 percent.

His salary and bonus totaled \$769,306 last year

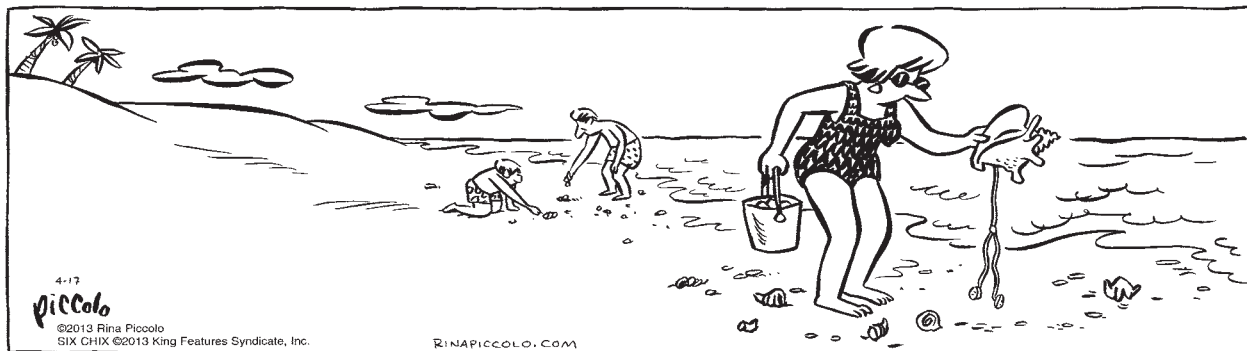
versus \$928,833 in 2011.

The Associated Press formula for determining an executive's total compensation calculates salary, bonuses, perquisites, above-market interest that the company pays on deferred compensation and the estimated value of stock and stock options awarded during the year. The AP formula does not count changes in the present value of pension benefits or stock option gains such as those recognized by Zuckerberg did last year. □

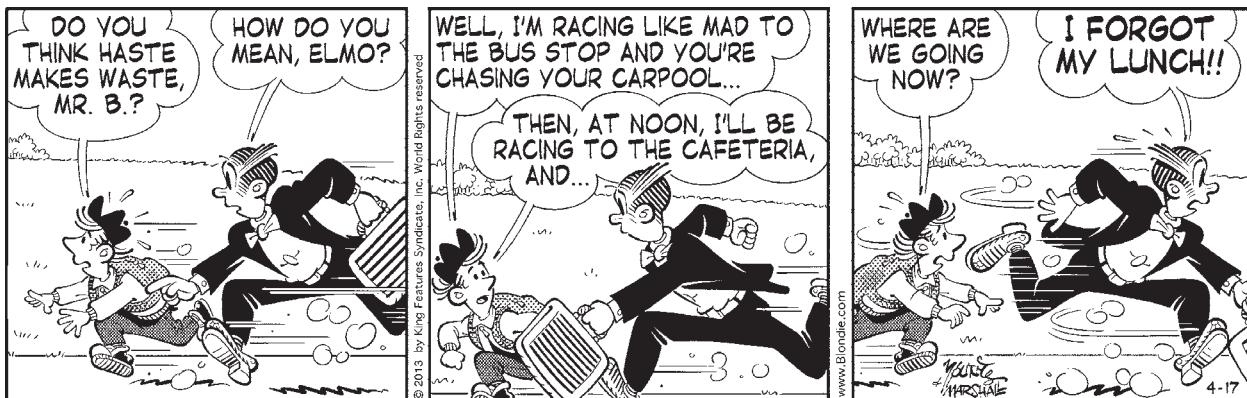
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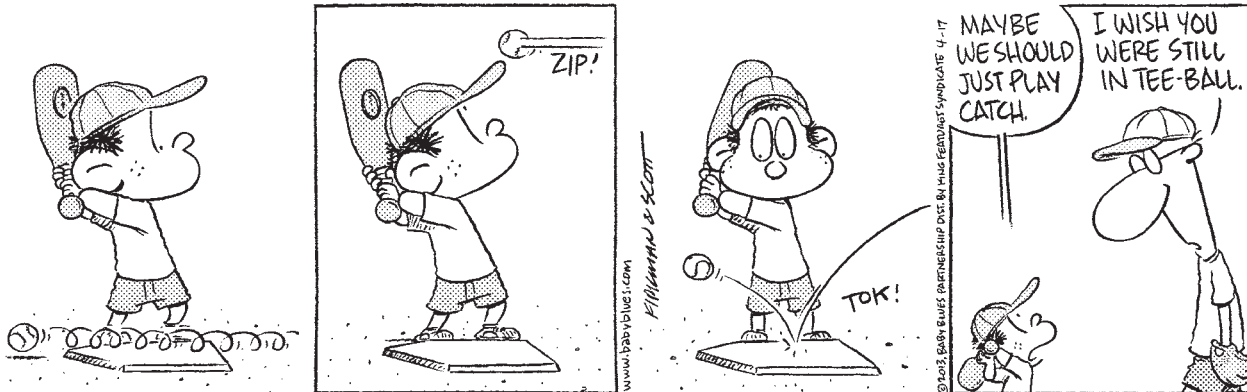
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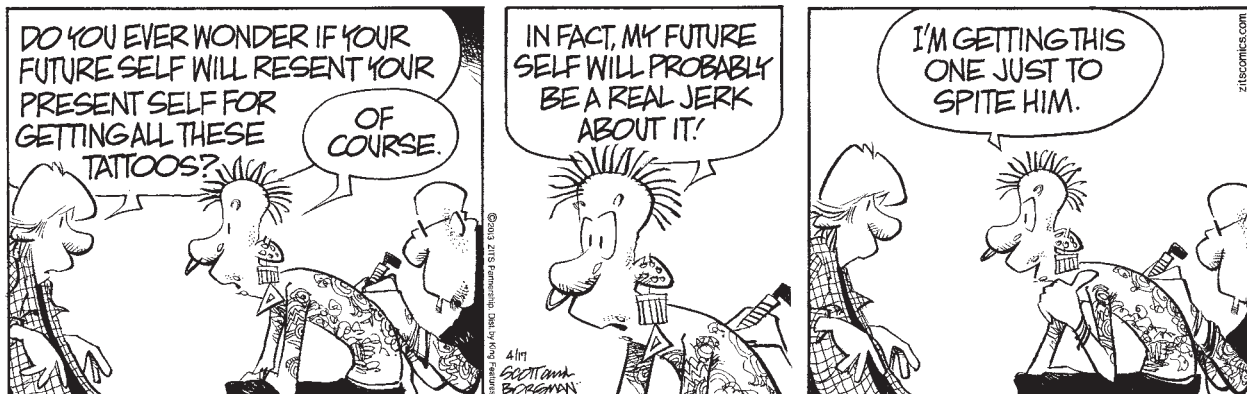
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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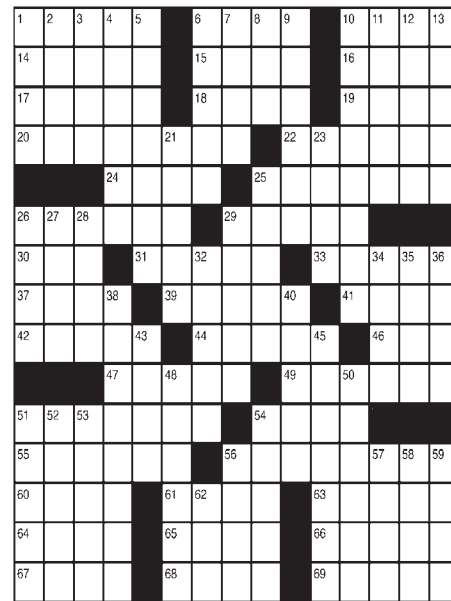
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- Put in danger
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- Ice cream scoop holder
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- Freeloader
- Overlay with a thin gold coat
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- Rise
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- Fraternity letter
- Migrating, honking birds
- End of life
- Floor pads
- Luggage __; car toppers
- Urgent
- Bundle of grain
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- Cat's cry
- Sinai or Rainier
- Stanzas
- __ oneself; speaks out
- Nation of South America
- Piano style
- Stairway part
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- Heroic tale
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Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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Musical of 'Rocky' heading to Broadway

MARK KENNEDY
AP Drama Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — It's been a knockout in Germany. Now Sylvester Stallone hopes a musical based on his beloved boxing film "Rocky" will also be a hit on Broadway. Producers said Sunday they plan to get "Rocky" up and punching at the Winter Garden by February following a successful debut in Hamburg last fall. Based on the Oscar-winning 1976 film, the musical features a score by "Ragtime" veterans Stephen Flaherty and Lynn Ahrens, and a story by Thomas Meehan, who wrote "The Producers" and "Hair-spray." Originally written in English but translated into German for its world premiere and billed as "Rocky: Das Musical," the show is produced by Stallone and Stage Entertainment USA. "The reason I think it has worked so well there and why I think it'll work on Broadway is that, yes, it's a story about boxing, but the real story is actually an intimate, powerful and gritty and moving love story between two people who are both lonely and in a difficult place in

their worlds," said Bill Taylor, managing director of Stage Entertainment USA. "They sort of rescue each other. It's very uplifting." The musical stays close to the film, which charted the rise and romance of amateur boxer and debt collector Rocky Balboa, played in Germany by Drew Sarich. No casting has been decided for New York. In the story, Balboa, nicknamed the Italian Stallion, gets his shot against undefeated heavyweight champion Apollo Creed, played in the film by Carl Weathers. He also woos a love interest, Adrianna "Adrian" Pennino. Stallone wrote the screenplay and it won the best picture Oscar in 1976. The film made famous the image of Balboa running up the steps of the Philadelphia Museum of Art and the quote "Yo, Adrian!" The German production kept the trumpet-laden funky theme "Gonna Fly Now" and the anthem "Eye of the Tiger," written for "Rocky III." Both will also be in the Broadway version. The director is Alex Timbers, who directed Broadway's "The Pee-wee Herman Show" and directed and wrote the book for

"Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson." The boxing choreography is being done by Steven Hoggett, who choreographed "American Idiot," "Peter and the Starcatcher" and "Once." "This is not boxers doing a kick line," Taylor said. "It's stunning movement representing some of the sparring and the fighting. It's very, very cleverly created." "Rocky" will be the first new tenant at the Winter Garden Theatre in years. The show that's been there since 2001, "Mamma Mia!," is transferring to another Broadway venue. The musical will follow two other boxing-related works to appear on Broadway recently: Mike Tyson's one-man show about his life in and out of the ring, and a revival of Clifford Odets' "Golden Boy" about a young man torn between his natural talent as a violinist and the fast money of boxing. □

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U.S. methane report further divides fracking camps

KEVIN BEGOS

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has dramatically lowered its estimate of how much of a potent heat-trapping gas leaks during natural gas production, in a shift with major implications for a debate that has divided environmentalists: Does the recent boom in fracking help or hurt the fight against climate change?

Oil and gas drilling companies had pushed for the change, but there have been differing scientific estimates of the amount of methane that leaks from wells, pipelines and other facilities during production and delivery. Methane is the main component of natural gas.

The new EPA data is "kind of an earthquake" in the debate over drilling, said Michael Shellenberger, the president of the Breakthrough Institute, an environmental group based in Oakland, California. "This is great news for anybody concerned about the climate and strong proof that existing technologies can be deployed to reduce methane leaks."

The scope of the EPA's revision was vast. In a mid-April report on greenhouse emissions, the agency now says that tighter pollution controls instituted by the industry resulted in an average annual decrease of 41.6 million metric tons of methane emissions from 1990 through 2010, or more than 850 million metric tons overall. That's about a 20 percent reduction from previous estimates. The agency converts the methane emissions into their equivalent in carbon dioxide, following standard scientific practice.

The EPA revisions came even though natural gas production has grown by nearly 40 percent since 1990. The industry has boomed in recent years, thanks to a stunning expansion of drilling in previously untapped areas because of the use of hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, which injects sand, water and chemicals to break apart rock and free the gas inside.

tion controls also means that the industry "probably can go further" in reducing leaks.

Representatives of the oil and gas industry said the EPA revisions show emissions from the fracking boom can be managed. "The methane 'leak' claim just got a lot more difficult for opponents" of natural gas, noted Steve Everley, with Energy In Depth, an industry-funded group.

provides at best a kind of fad diet, where a dangerously overweight patient loses a few pounds and then their weight stabilizes; instead, we need at this point a crash diet, difficult to do" but needed to limit the damage from climate change.

The EPA said it made the changes based on expert reviews and new data from several sources, including a report funded by

natural gas operations in Colorado and other Western states.

Howarth wrote that the EPA seems "to be ignoring the published NOAA data in their latest efforts, and the bias on industry only pushing estimates downward — never up — is quite real. EPA badly needs a counter-acting force, such as outside independent review of their process."

The issue of methane leaks has caused a major split between environmental groups.

Since power plants that burn natural gas emit about half the amount of the greenhouse gases as coal-fired power, some say that the gas drilling boom has helped the U.S. become the only major industrialized country to significantly reduce greenhouse emissions. But others believe the methane leaks negate any benefits over coal, since methane is a highly potent greenhouse gas.

The new EPA figures still show natural gas operations as the leading source of methane emissions in the U.S., at about 145 million metric tons in 2011. The next biggest source was enteric fermentation, scientific jargon for belches from cows and other animals, at 137 million metric tons. Landfills were the third-biggest source, at 103 million metric tons.

But the EPA estimates that all the sources of methane combined still account for only 9 percent of greenhouse gases, even taking into account methane's more potent heat-trapping.

The EPA said it is still seeking more data and feedback on the issue of methane leaks, so the report may change again in the future.

The EPA revisions have international implications, too. The agency says the new report, Inventory of U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks, was submitted to the U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change by an April 15 deadline. □



In this Aug. 26, 2009 file photo, Kourtney Hardwick, BP Florida operations manager, looks over a methane gas well site east of Bayfield, Colo. The well pad now has three gas wells that have been drilled and are producing natural gas.
Associated Press

Experts on both sides of the debate say the leaks can be controlled by fixes such as better gaskets, maintenance and monitoring. Such fixes are also thought to be cost-effective, since the industry ends up with more product to sell.

"That is money going up into the air," said Roger Pielke Jr., a professor of environmental studies at the University of Colorado, adding he isn't surprised the EPA's new data show more widespread use of pollution control equipment. Pielke noted that the success of the pollu-

In a separate blog post, Everley predicted future reductions, too.

"As technologies continue to improve, it's hard to imagine those methane numbers going anywhere but down as we eagerly await the next installment of this EPA report," Everley wrote.

One leading environmentalist argued the EPA revisions don't change the bigger picture.

"We need a dramatic shift off carbon-based fuel: coal, oil and also gas," Bill McKibbern, the founder of 350.org, wrote in an email to The Associated Press. "Natural gas

the oil and gas industry. But the estimates aren't based on independent field tests of actual emissions, and some scientists said that's a problem.

Robert Howarth, a Cornell University professor of ecology who led a 2011 methane leak study that is widely cited by critics of fracking, wrote in an email that "time will tell where the truth lies in all this, but I think EPA is wrong."

Howarth said other federal climate scientists from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration have published recent studies documenting massive methane leaks from

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'Iron Man 3' rules world, 'Pain & Gain' takes U.S.

DAVID GERMAIN

AP Movie Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Iron Man 3" was the heavy-lifter at theaters with a debut outside the U.S. that overshadowed a gang of mercenary bodybuilders in a sleepy pre-summer weekend at the domestic box office.

The Marvel Studios superhero sequel starring Robert Downey Jr. got a head-start on its domestic launch next Friday with a \$195.3 million opening in 42 overseas markets, distributor Disney reported Sunday. That topped the \$185.1 million start for Marvel's "The Avengers," which opened in 39 markets over the same weekend last year a week ahead of its record-breaking domestic debut of \$207.4 million.

"You don't know that you could ever repeat the kind of experience we had a year ago, and here the Marvel team brought together another incredible movie," said Dave Hollis, head of distribution for Disney. "We've had this as a pattern for Marvel films to kind of let momentum internationally help signal to the domestic audience that the film is coming, something big is coming." Director Michael Bay's true-crime tale "Pain & Gain" muscled into first-place domestically with a \$20 million debut. The Paramount release starring Mark Wahlberg, Dwayne Johnson and Anthony Mackie knocked off Tom Cruise's sci-fi adventure "Oblivion" after a week in the No. 1 spot. Universal's "Oblivion" slipped to second-place with \$17.4 million, raising its domestic total to \$64.7 million. Lionsgate's all-star nuptial comedy "The Big Wedding" tanked at No. 4 with just \$7.5 million. The ensemble cast includes Robert De Niro, Diane Keaton, Robin Williams, Susan Sarandon and Katherine Heigl, but the movie was almost universally trashed by critics and held little interest for audiences.

Paramount, which distributed the earlier "Iron Man" movies and still has

a financial stake in the comic-book flicks after Disney bought Marvel, had a small-scale success with "Pain & Gain."

A passion project for Bay, who has made Paramount a fortune with his "Transformers" franchise, "Pain & Gain" was shot for a modest \$26 million, spare change compared to the director's usual budgets.

The movie has the director taking a breather from his usual sci-fi action spectacles for a story based on a kidnapping-extortion caper carried out by bodybuilders in the 1990s. Yet "Pain & Gain" still has Bay's usual visual flair, and the reviews generally were better than what he's used to.

"With that kind of budget, to open to \$20 million the first weekend is a very strong opening," said Don Harris, Paramount's head of distribution. "You see what a director really in his prime, at the top of his game, can do with a small budget, what he can make a movie look like."

"Oblivion" was down a fairly steep 53 percent from the movie's \$37.1 million domestic debut the previous weekend.

Overseas, "Oblivion" took in \$12.8 million to lift its international haul to \$134.1 million and worldwide total to just under \$200 million.

Hollywood's domestic downturn continued, with revenues totaling \$90 million, off 18.5 percent from the same weekend last year, when "Think Like a Man" led with \$17.6 million, according to box-office tracker Hollywood.com.

Receipts have trailed 2012's for most of the year, with 2013 domestic ticket sales running at \$2.9 billion, nearly 12 percent behind last year's. That pattern could continue as Hollywood opens its summer season domestically this coming weekend. Despite a huge haul expected for "Iron Man 3," the film will be competing against that gigantic start over the same weekend last year for "The Avengers," the only movie to open with more than \$200 million domestically. □



This film image released by Paramount Pictures shows, from left, Dwayne Johnson, Anthony Mackie and Mark Wahlberg in a scene from "Pain and Gain."

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Higher expectations for digital media at NewFronts

JAKE COYLE

AP Entertainment Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Last year, the inaugural Digital NewFronts didn't skimp on the hype.

Google, Hulu, Yahoo and others made brash, glitzy presentations to advertisers trumpeting their ascendancy in a rapidly changing media landscape. Even Jay-Z dropped by.

There will be plenty of the same this week in New York at the second Digital NewFronts, the digital world's take on the annual TV "up-front" tradition. But ahead of this year's five-day-long overture to Madison Avenue, the talk is of both the great progress of digital entertainment and unrealized promises.

"It was absolutely a learning experience," Doug McVehil, senior vice president of content and programming for the music

Zach Braff raises \$2M on Kickstarter in 3 days

NEW YORK (AP) — Zach Braff has met his goal on Kickstarter, raising \$2 million in three days to fund his follow-up to "Garden State."

The actor-director's crowd-funding campaign follows Rob Thomas' wildly successful use of Kickstarter to finance a movie of the defunct TV series "Veronica Mars." Thomas pulled in \$2 million in less than a day, eventually gathering more than \$5.7 million in 30 days.

But some observers have criticized Hollywood stars for using the Kickstarter website to dip into the pockets of their loyal fans. Braff says this is the only way for him to direct his first film since "Garden State" with final cut and his desired casting. □



This undated image released by Columbus 81 Productions shows comedians Jerry Seinfeld, left, and Michael Richards, former co-stars in the popular comedy "Seinfeld," in a scene from the finale of Seinfeld's web series, "Comedians in Cars Getting Coffee."

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video destination Vevo, says about last year's NewFronts. "I know there's some things we can do better this year both at the presentation itself and in terms of follow-up. But we're all fairly new at this. This is a young thing for the digital media industry."

In 12 months' time, the industry has come a long way. Netflix's first major original series, "House of Cards," proved that streaming video can compete with the most prestigious cable programs. Google's YouTube rolled out its 100-plus funded channels in a bid to bring higher quality videos (and thus advertisers) to its platform. One of the biggest TV stars, Jerry Seinfeld, launched a handsome Web series, "Comedians in Cars Getting Coffee."

But some of the digital se-

ries touted last year have disappointed. Although Yahoo's "Bachelor"-spoof "Burning Love" has proved a modest hit, its Tom Hanks animated sci-fi series, "Electric City," didn't live up to its creator's reputation. While the top YouTube channels have grown considerably, several of its star-driven efforts have fizzled.

"Last year, there were some big promises about not only the quality but the volume of shows that people are going to make," says Eric Berger, executive vice president of digital networks for Sony Pictures TV, which owns the video site Crackle. "If you look back over the course of the year, as we talked to brands and agencies, there're some questions about quality and about the volume of things that were actually produced."

Crackle didn't participate in the NewFronts last year but will this year. It will be promoting, among other shows, an upcoming second season of Seinfeld's series.

Naturally, growing pains are inevitable, especially when so much is changing so fast.

The wide array of NewFront presenters this year exhibits the evolving nature of media companies.

New presenters include The Wall Street Journal and Conde Nast, both venerable publishers known for their print products.

But Conde Nast earlier this year launched online series slates for two of its magazines (GQ and Glamour), with plans to do the same for its other properties, including Vanity Fair and The New Yorker. The Journal, more than any other news-

paper, has developed live video programming with its "WSJ Live" app.

"The Journal has really transformed itself since News Corp.'s acquisition into a complete content provider and not just business, finance and economics," says Michael Rooney, chief revenue officer for The Journal, explaining its entry to the NewFronts. "The world still needs to learn and understand about that and what we have to offer."

Yahoo will come into its presentation on the heels of acquiring the rights to archival clips to all 38 years of "Saturday Night Live." YouTube recently announced that in May it will begin a series of theme weeks to highlight its premium channels, starting with comedy. On Sunday night, Vevo will kick off the fourth year of its flagship program "Unstaged," a concert live stream. (Vampire Weekend will perform with Steve Buscemi directing the webcast.)

Performances will play a big part of Vevo's presentation, with appearances by Carly Rae Jepsen, Kendrick Lamar and Jessie Ware.

But McVehil says at this year's NewFronts, brands want more than a good show.

"As we mature, I think it's going to be about people looking hard at real numbers and performance and judging companies based on that more than how sexy their presentation was," McVehil says.

Some companies are going it alone. □

Mirren reigns at London's Olivier awards

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LONDON (AP) — Helen Mirren reigned at London's Olivier theater awards Sunday, taking the best actress prize for her performance as Queen Elizabeth II in "The Audience." Mirren had been favorite for the trophy at Britain's equivalent of Broadway's Tonys for

her regal yet vulnerable turn in Morgan's play about the private weekly meetings between the monarch and Britain's prime ministers over the her 61-year reign.

Mirren is no stranger to royalty — she won an Academy award in 2007 for the same role in "The Queen."

Accepting the award, she

joked that it was the queen who deserved an award, "for the most consistent and committed performance of the 20th century, and probably the 21st century."

The winners were being announced during a song- and dance-filled ceremony at London's Royal Opera House hosted by "Downton Abbey"

actor Hugh Bonneville and stage star Sheridan Smith — who kicked things off by belting out "Diamonds Are A Girl's Best Friend."

"Homeland" star Damian Lewis, "Sex and the City" alumna Kim Cattrall and former boy wizard Daniel Radcliffe were among the presenters. □

The Morose Middle Class



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The Middle Class is in a funk, its view of the future growing dim as fear rolls in like a storm.

An Allstate/National Journal Heartland Monitor poll released Thursday found that while most Americans (56 percent) hold out hope that they'll be in a higher class at some point, even more Americans (59 percent) are worried about falling out of their current class over the next few years. In fact, more than 8 in 10 Americans believe that more people have fallen out of the middle class than moved into it in the past few years.

The poll paints a picture of a group that is scared to death about its station in life.

By the way, 58 percent of respondents in the poll viewed themselves as either middle class (46 percent) or upper middle class (12 percent).

According to the poll, Americans see a middle class with less opportunity to get ahead, less job security and less disposable income than the middle class of previous generations.

Respondents were most likely (52 percent) to say that losing a job would put them at the greatest risk of falling out of their current class, followed by an unexpected illness or injury in the family.

Most of those polled believe that higher education is the key to staying in the middle class, but many worry about its prohibitive cost and inaccessibility.

And who did most of them say is responsible for making it worse for the middle class? Congress, chief executives of major corporations and big financial institutions.

Of those who blame politicians, there is some evidence that Republicans get more of the blame than Democrats. A CNN/ORC poll released last month found that 32 percent of respondents thought Democrats favor the middle class compared with 27 percent who believed the same of Republicans. Sixty-eight percent of those polled believed that Republicans favor the wealthy, compared with 24 percent who believed that Democrats do.

This anxiety about a shrinking middle class is understandable. A Pew Research Center study, "The Lost Decade of the Middle

Class," released in August, found that "since 2000, the middle class has shrunk in size, fallen backward in income and wealth, and shed some – but by no means all – of its characteristic faith in the future."

According to the report, "Fully 85 percent of self-described middle-class adults say it is more difficult now than it was a decade ago for middle-class people to maintain their standard of living." The report continued:

"Their downbeat take on their economic situation comes at the end of a decade in which, for the first time since the end of World War II, mean family incomes declined for Americans in all income tiers. But the middle-income tier – defined in this Pew Research analysis as all adults whose annual household income is two-thirds to double the national median – is the only one that also shrunk in size, a trend that has continued over the past four decades."

It's important to note that many of the people who describe themselves as middle class would not be placed under that rubric by most objective observers. For instance, the Pew study found that 35 percent of people making \$30,000 and less under and 46 percent of those making \$100,000 and over self-identified as middle class. (Meantime, 6 percent of those making \$30,000 and under self-identified as upper class, and 6 percent of those making \$100,000 and over self-identified as lower class. Go figure.)

As Pew pointed out, over the last decade, "middle-tier median household income" fell and median net worth plummeted, and people in the middle class said it was becoming harder to maintain their lifestyles.

To add insult to injury, another Pew report, released this week, found that "during the first two years of the nation's economic recovery, the mean net worth of households in the upper 7 percent of the wealth distribution rose by an estimated 28 percent, while the mean net worth of households in the lower 93 percent dropped by 4 percent."

As The Washington Post reported in September after the release of a frightening census report: "The vise on the middle class tightened last year, driving down its share of the income pie as the number of Americans in poverty leveled off and the most affluent households saw their portion grow."

The wealthy have come surging back, riding record stock market highs, but many in the middle class are at best treading water and at worst sinking.

In his State of the Union speech in February, President Barack Obama said the "true engine of America's economic growth" is "a rising, thriving middle class."

It certainly looks as if that engine has stalled. □



Health Chaos Ahead



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It was always going to be difficult to implement Obamacare, but even fervent supporters of the law admit that things are going worse than expected.

Implementation got off to a bad start because the Obama administration didn't want to release unpopular rules before the election. Regulators have been working hard but are clearly overwhelmed, trying to write rules that influence the entire health care sector – an economic unit roughly the size of France. Republicans in Congress have made things much more difficult by refusing to provide enough money for implementation.

By now, everybody involved seems to be in a state of anxiety. Insurance companies are trying to put out new products, but they don't know what federal parameters they have to meet. Small businesses are angry because the provisions that benefited them have been put on the back burner. Health care systems are highly frustrated. They can't plan without a road map. Sen. Max Baucus, one of the authors of the law, says he sees a "huge train wreck" coming.

I've been talking with a bipartisan bunch of health care experts, trying to get a sense of exactly how bad things are. In my conversations with this extremely well-informed group of providers, academics and former government officials, I'd say there is a minority, including some supporters of the law, who think the

whole situation is a complete disaster. They predict Obamacare will collapse and do serious damage to the underlying health system.

But the clear majority, including some of the law's opponents, believe that we're probably in for a few years of shambolic messiness, during which time everybody will scramble and adjust, and eventually we will settle down to a new normal.

What nobody can predict is how health care chaos will interact with the political system. There's a good chance Republicans will be able to use unhappiness with what is already an unpopular law to win back the Senate in 2014. Controlling both houses of Congress, they will be in a good position to alter, though not repeal, the program.

The law's biggest defenders will then become insurance companies and health care corporations. Having spent billions of dollars adapting to the new system, they are not going to want to see it repealed or replaced.

The experts talk about the problems that lie ahead in cascades. First, there is what you might call the structural cascade. Everything is turning out to be more complicated than originally envisioned. The Supreme Court decision made the Medicaid piece more complicated. The decision by many states not to set up exchanges made the exchange piece more complicated. The lines of accountability between, for example, state and federally run exchanges have grown byzantine and unclear.

A law that was very confusing has become mind-boggling. That could lead people to freeze up. Insurance companies will hesitate before venturing into state exchanges, thereby limiting competition and choice. Americans are just going to be overwhelmed and befuddled. Many are just going to stay away, even if they are eligible for benefits. Then there is the technical cas-

cade. At some point, people are going to sit at computers and enroll. If the data process looks like some 1990s glitchmonster, if information doesn't flow freely, then the public opinion hit will be catastrophic.

Then there is the cost cascade. Nearly everybody not in the employ of the administration agrees this law does not solve the cost problem, and many of the recent regulatory decisions will send costs higher. A study in California found that premiums could increase an average of 20 percent for people not covered by federal subsidies. A study by the Society of Actuaries found that by 2017 costs could rise 32 percent for insurers covering people in the individual exchanges, and as high as 80 percent in states like Ohio.

Then there is the adverse selection cascade. Under the law, young healthy people subsidize poorer, sicker and older people. But the young may decide en masse that it is completely irrational for them to get health insurance that subsidizes others while they are healthy. They'll be better off paying the fines, if those are even enforced, and opting out. Without premiums from the young, everybody else's costs go up even higher.

Then there is the provider concentration cascade. The law further incentivizes a trend under way: the consolidation of hospitals, doctors' practices and other providers. That also boosts prices. Overall, it seems likely that in some form or another Obamacare is here to stay. But the turmoil around it could dominate politics for another election cycle, and the changes after that – to finally control costs, to fix the mind-boggling complexities and the unintended consequences – will never end.

Regulatory regimes can be simple and dumb or complex and sprawling. When you build complex, it takes a while to work through the consequences. □

Suit reveals Trinity Church is worth 'over \$2 billion'

SHARON OTTERMAN

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NEW YORK — There has never been any doubt that Trinity Church is wealthy. But the extent of its wealth has long been a mystery; guessed at by many, known by few. Now, however, after a lawsuit filed by a disenchanted parishioner, the church has

New York and around the world. Differences over the parish's mission and direction last year led nearly half of the 22-member vestry — an august collection of corporate executives and philanthropists — to resign or be pushed out, after at least seven of them asked, unsuccessfully, that the rec-

maintain Trinity's historic properties, including the main church building, which was built in 1846; St. Paul's Chapel; and several cemeteries, where luminaries including Alexander Hamilton and Edward I. Koch are buried. The remainder went into the church's equity investment

resources very wisely." The vast majority of the parish's property is in Hudson Square, a commercial neighborhood next to the Manhattan entrance to the Holland Tunnel. These days, the area's hulking prewar industrial buildings, designed for use by printing companies, are increas-

has also been building an equity investment portfolio that was worth about \$160 million in 2011. And the value of Trinity's real estate holdings is expected to grow because rezoning of much of the church's land will allow up to 3,200 new residential units.

"The legacy of Queen Anne is that Trinity Church is going to prosper in the 21st century," Moss said. "Who says that the empire doesn't live on?"

Bates, who says he wants the church to be more accountable to its members, argues in his lawsuit that the parish vestry, which acts largely as Trinity's board of directors, is being elected contrary to the terms of the church's original 1697 charter.

Bates claims that each vestry candidate must receive a majority of parishioners' votes to be elected. The church says that even one "yes" vote is enough if the candidate is uncontested; all the seats are uncontested. The parish has asked for the suit, filed in state Supreme Court in Manhattan, to be dismissed.

The dispute over spending and governance is, in part, a dispute over the leadership of Rev. James H. Cooper, who has been the church's rector since 2004.

The vestry resignations last year caused a minor media splash, as did Trinity's tumultuous relationship with the Occupy Wall Street protests in 2011. Trinity gave refuge and bathroom space to protesters at a community center, Charlotte's Place, but then stood by as protesters were arrested for trespassing on the part of Duarte Square owned by the church. The protesters were furious, and camped out outside Trinity for months.

Cooper, 68, weathered the storms, and this year helped select a new vestry more supportive of his leadership. But he also announced in February that he was planning to resign in 2015 — a decision he called unrelated to the recent turmoil. □



Trinity Church in New York, April 27, 2013. Dragged into court by a lawsuit over church management, Trinity has publicly released its annual financial report for the first time since 1939.

(Michael Nagle/The New York Times)

offered an estimate of the value of its assets: more than \$2 billion.

The Episcopal parish, known as Trinity Wall Street, traces its holdings to a gift of 215 acres of prime Manhattan farmland donated in 1705 by Queen Anne of England. Since then, the church has parlayed that gift into a rich portfolio of office buildings, stock investments, and, soon, mixed-use residential development.

The parish's good fortune has become an issue in the historic congregation, which has been racked by infighting in recent years over whether the church should be spending more money to help the poor and spread the faith, in

for himself step down.

Over the years, the church has sold or given away much of the original 215 acres from Queen Anne, but it has 14 acres, including 5.5 million square feet of commercial real estate. It reported \$158 million in real estate revenue for 2011, the majority of which went toward maintaining and supporting its real estate operations, the financial statement indicates.

Of the \$38 million left for the church's operating budget, some \$4 million was spent on communications, \$3 million on philanthropic grant spending, and \$2.5 million on the church's music program, church officials said. Nearly \$6 million went to

portfolio.

Critics argue that the church could have a higher profile as a beacon of charity and Episcopal belief.

"I felt that the church was being too corporate, and wasn't acting on its values," said Jeremy C. Bates, a former leader of the church's Congregational Council who filed the lawsuit.

But not all parishioners agree. "Given the resources, I think they do exactly what they should be doing," said Susan V. Berresford, a current member of the vestry and the former head of the Ford Foundation. "This, I think, is a first-class philanthropic operation and one that is using its

ingly occupied by creative and technology companies, with restaurants and galleries on the street level. "The Trinity Church properties are now among the most valuable in all of New York City, because they are sitting on the edge of the hottest neighborhoods in the city — SoHo, TriBeCa and Greenwich Village," said Mitchell L. Moss, a professor of urban policy and planning at New York University. "Trinity has been either very wise or very prudent, but they have let the market mature around them, and now they are ready to take advantage of it."

The church, which calls itself "one of the largest landowners in Manhattan,"

The Royal Celebration



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**A heart-felt to Queen Beatrix thank you for your years of
dedication and congratulations to
King Willem Alexander and Queen Maxima**

The Netherlands' Prince Willem-Alexander will become Europe's youngest monarch when Queen Beatrix abdicates Tuesday as his country prepares to hail the avowedly 21st-century king with a massive orange-hued party.



Queen Beatrix, Prince Willem-Alexander and Princess Máxima

The Dutch prepare for 21st-century King

THE HAGUE—Royal Celebrations For Queen's Day 2013. This year Koninginnedag is a very special day. On April 30th Queen Beatrix will abdicate the throne and turn it over to her son, Prince Willem-Alexander.

During her national address in January, Her Majesty the Queen announced her decision to abdicate saying as this year is her 75th birthday and the 200th anniversary of the founding of the

Netherlands, it is therefore a good time to transfer the throne into younger hands.

The Netherlands' Prince Willem-Alexander will become Europe's youngest monarch when Queen Beatrix abdicates Tuesday as his country prepares to hail the avowedly 21st-century king with a massive orange-hued party.

Willem-Alexander, who turns 46 on Saturday, will be the first Dutch king since

1890 and the first of a new wave of European monarchs, whose aging blue blood, at an average of 71 years old, is increasingly watered down.

Amsterdam's population is set to double with at least 800,000 visitors flooding the city's streets and canals as Beatrix, 75, ends her 33-year reign by signing the act of abdication at the palace.



Inauguration King Willem-Alexander

Queen's Day in Amsterdam is going to be very special this year! Queen Beatrix has announced that she will abdicate on April 30th. On the same day our new King, Willem-Alexander, will be inaugurated. The ceremonies for the inauguration will take place at the Royal Palace at Dam Square and the Nieuwe Kerk. In the evening our new King and his wife, Queen Máxima, will take a boat tour at the IJ. So, because of the inauguration of our new King, Queen's Day is going to be even more party.

Koninginnedag: What's Queen's day and Orange Craze?

Queen's day, Queensday or Koninginnedag (as we call it), is a national holiday in the Netherlands. On this day we celebrate the birthday of the Queen of the Netherlands. It's also a typical occasion for the world-famous Orange Craze. The colour orange is a ubiquitous sight, referring to the name of our royal family, the House of Orange. Everywhere in the city you'll see orange banners, orange colored foods and drinks and people dressed in Orange. So don't forget your orange t-shirt when you join us in the Orange Craze on Queen's Day. □



Her Majesty the Queen will abdicate the throne and turn it over to her son, Prince Willem-

To celebrate this momentous occasion, quite a few festivities are planned

Below is an outline of the day's royal activities:

10:00 at the Palace:

Queen Beatrix will abdicate the throne. When he succeeds his mother, Willem-Alexander Prince of Orange will become King Willem-Alexander. Princess Máxima will become Queen Máxima, and Her Majesty Queen Beatrix will become Her Royal Highness Princess Beatrix. King Willem-Alexander will be the nation's first king since 1890 and will be 46 years old when he ascends to the throne.

10:30 on the Palace balcony:

His Majesty King Willem-Alexander, Her Majesty Queen Máxima and Her Royal Highness Princess Beatrix will appear on the balcony, wave to onlookers, and give short addresses. Her Royal Highness the Princess of Orange and Their Royal Highnesses Princess Alexia and Princess Ariane will then join them on the balcony.

14:00 at De Nieuwe Kerk:

King Willem-Alexander will be sworn in at De Nieuwe Kerk across from the Palace.

19:30 at EYE Museum:

the royal boat parade will depart from the EYE Museum in Amsterdam Noord, con-



tinuing along the IJ to conclude at 21:30 at the Muziekgebouw aan 't IJ.

If you'd like to view any of these activities keep in mind that it will be crowded. Queen's Day typically attracts between 700,000 and 800,000 visitors to Amsterdam, so the city will already be very busy. Many foreign dignitaries are attending the inauguration events so security will also be high. Keep reading for more details.

Royal Palace and De Nieuwe Kerk The city says that Dam Square is able to accommodate a maximum of 20,000 viewers to watch the royals make speeches from the balcony of the

Royal Palace. If you'd like to be there, we recommend arriving quite early. Some say people will be camping out all night, if security will allow it.

The events will also be broadcast on television, so you'll likely get the best view by watching the proceedings from home. Large projection screens showing the activities will also be placed around the city at Museumplein, Oeverpark at Amsterdam Noord, Kop van Java on Java-eiland and other locations. Cafes and bars will also show the coverage. Keep in mind that Waterlooplein and Spui are designated as places where those who

would like to protest may gather.

Museumplein

Museumplein will be renamed "Oranjeplein" for the day and huge screens will be erected there to show all the ceremonies and activities live. The capacity of Museumplein is around 150,000 so there should be more room for everyone. In the evening, a King's Dance will be held here featuring a varied program of music, art and culture to celebrate the new King.

Visitors to Museumplein are advised to travel into Amsterdam via Station Zuid. This provides quicker access to Museumplein and also relieves some of the traffic to Amsterdam Central Station, which will be extremely busy.

Royal Boat Parade

After setting sail from the EYE Film Institute Netherlands around 19:45, the ship carrying His Majesty King Willem-Alexander and Her Majesty Queen Máxima will be joined by a number of other boats to form a parade including music and other entertainment.

The parade will travel past the Oeverpark, via the northern side of the River IJ to the Kop van Java and Muziekgebouw aan 't IJ,

where the event will conclude with a ceremonial salute from the boats in the parade. The planned parade route is pictured above.

If you would like to watch the boat parade, head down to the IJ. It will likely be quite busy, of course. As there are large screens to be placed at Oeverpark in Amsterdam Noord and Kop van Java on Java-eiland, those would be good places to gather. Stay tuned for more specific information on where to watch the festivities.

You cannot sail along with the royal parade in your own boat, so don't plan on that. Navigation along the River IJ will be temporarily blocked due to the event.

King's Night

This year will be the first time that King's Night will be celebrated in Amsterdam. Events running later into the night on 30 April will take place at the Oeverpark, at Kop Java and at Museumplein along with other locations.

From 2014 onwards, King's Day will be celebrated on 27 April, the birthday of the future King Willem-Alexander, although the first King's Day will actually be held on Saturday, 26 April 2014, as the event is traditionally not celebrated on a Sunday.

Regular Queen's Day Festivities

The city has said that the majority of the traditional Queen's Day festivities including the street market and parties will go ahead as planned. The traditional Queen's Night celebrations on 29 April will also go ahead as planned, although festivities may not continue as late into the night as is normally the case. This is due to preparations required throughout the city in advance of the inauguration the following day. □



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Her Majesty Queen Beatrix marrying Prins Claus in March 1966.

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Her Majesty Queen Beatrix during royal photoshoot.

Beatrix: a Queen who transformed Dutch royalty

THE HAGUE - The Netherlands' energetic Queen Beatrix, has won many Dutch hearts in her almost 33 years on the throne by giving the monarchy a modern, hard-working image. Stepping into the shoes of her much-loved mother Juliana in 1980 at the age of 42, Beatrix quickly set out to make her mark on the country she was destined to rule by birth.

"MADAM" TO "MAJESTY"

Contrary to her mother's unobtrusive style of rule, Beatrix refused to be relegated to ribbon-cutting, changing the mode of address from "madam" to "majesty" and transforming one of the royal palaces in The Hague, the seat of government, into a working palace. Here she received heads of state in her affable though formal manner and met weekly with successive prime ministers to discuss matters of government, earning the nickname "chief executive officer of the Netherlands".

DUTCH POLITICS

She also signed laws and played an important role

in Dutch politics by appointing a so-called "formateur", who explores possibilities for coalition government after general elections.

Last year's polls in which Prime Minister Mark Rutte was elected to head government for a second term marked the first time she was not actively involved in the formateur's appointment.

FAMILY LIFE

Born on January 31, 1938 as the first child of queen Juliana and prince Bernhard, Beatrix Wilhelmina Armgard, princess of Orange-Nassau, lived with her family in exile in Britain and Canada during World War II, when Nazi Germany occupied the Netherlands.

After completing her law studies, she married West German diplomat Claus von Amsberg in March 1966, prompting violent demonstrations against the future queen's union with someone who had worn a Hitler Youth uniform as a boy.

Riots also preceded Beatrix's coronation on April 30, 1980 following her mother's

surprise abdication after a 31-year reign, when Amsterdam squatters protested the high cost of the ceremony.

SERVANTHOOD

But the new queen's humble approach soon started winning over her subjects. "Not power, personal desire nor a claim to hereditary power but only the desire to serve the community can give substance to a modern monarchy," she said in her enthronement speech.

Known colloquially as "Trix", the 75-year-old queen radiates a bourgeois allure in her immaculately pressed, practical dresses and suits and a stiff helmet hairdo that a staggering collection of hats cannot tease out of place.

"Only perfection was good enough for her. She worked very systematically, high in the sky like a bird of prey, no detail on the ground escaped her," former prime minister Dries van Agt said of the queen.

"The (royal) court is really run like a business," according to historian and court advisor Henk Wesseling.

A former servant said: "She can get pretty angry when things around her go wrong or if she is confronted with unexpected situations. Under all circumstances she wants to be in control of the situation."

WEALTH

American magazine Forbes in 2011 listed Beatrix as the world's 14th-wealthiest royal, with an estimated net worth of \$200 million (150 million euros). She has three sons, the oldest of whom, Willem-Alexander, is succeeding her as monarch. Never a slave to opinion polls

MISFORTUNES

A spate of misfortunes in the later years of her career was met with an outpouring of sympathy from her subjects. The latest tragedy struck last year when her middle son, Friso, was left brain-damaged after being buried by an avalanche while skiing off-piste in Austria. Her husband, prince Claus, died at the age of 76 in 2002, followed by her mother and then her father in 2004.

And on Queen's Day, April

30, 2009, the nation was plunged into shock when a man ploughed his car into festivalgoers in the central city of Apeldoorn, narrowly missing an open bus transporting Beatrix and members of her family. Seven bystanders were killed in what the driver confessed was an attack on the royal family. In an emotional, televised address to the nation shortly afterwards, Beatrix spoke of her "deep shock". Opinion polls in the following days said support for the queen had risen sharply, with 43 percent saying she should stay on the throne, up from 27 percent before the attack.

POPULARITY

Beatrix, however, has never been a slave to polls. "I find popularity dangerous... superficial and temporary," she once said in an interview with Dutch public television. Speculation rose over an abdication when in 2006 renovations were announced at Beatrix's distinctive octagonal-shaped Drakenstein castle, where she will move later this year. □

Prince Willem-Alexander, Prince of Orange

Willem-Alexander, Prince of Orange (Willem-Alexander Claus George Ferdinand; born 27 April 1967) is heir apparent to the throne of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, comprising the countries Netherlands, Curaçao, Aruba, and Sint Maarten. He is head of the House of Amsberg.

The Prince of Orange was born in Utrecht and is the eldest child of Queen Beatrix and Claus von Amsberg. He became heir apparent to the throne of the Netherlands on 30 April 1980, after his mother became queen regnant, and will ascend to the throne on 30 April 2013, when his mother abdicates.

He went to public primary and secondary schools, served in the Royal Netherlands Navy, and studied history at Leiden University. He married Máxima Zorreguieta Cerruti in 2002 and they have three daughters: Princess Catharina-Amalia (born 2003), Princess Alexia (born 2005), and Princess Ariane (born 2007).

Willem-Alexander is interested in sports and international water management issues. Until his accession to the throne, he is a member of the International Olympic Committee (1998–2013), chairman of the Advisory Committee on Water to the Dutch Minister of Infrastructure and the Environment (2004–2013), and chairman of the UNSG's Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation (2006–2013).

Early life

From birth Willem-Alexander has had the titles Prince of the Netherlands (Dutch: Prins der Nederlanden), Prince of Orange-Nassau (Dutch: Prins van Oranje-Nassau), and Jonkheer of Amsberg (Dutch: Jonkheer van Amsberg). He was baptised as a member of the Dutch Reformed Church on 2 September 1967 in Saint Jacob's Church in The Hague. His godparents are Prince Bernhard of Lippe-Biesterfeld, Prince

Ferdinand von Bismarck, Prime Minister Jelle Zijlstra, and Queen Margrethe II of Denmark.

He has two younger brothers: Prince Friso of Orange-Nassau, born in 1968, and Prince Constantijn of the Netherlands, born in 1969. He lived with his family at the castle Drakessteijn in the hamlet Lage Vuursche near Baarn from his birth until 1981, when they moved to the larger palace Huis ten Bosch in The Hague. His mother Beatrix became queen of the Netherlands in 1980, after his grandmother Juliana abdicated. He then received the title of Prince of Orange as heir apparent to the throne of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, consisting of the autonomous countries of the Netherlands, Aruba, Curaçao, and Sint Maarten.

Education and military training

Prince Willem-Alexander attended Nieuwe Baarnse Elementary School in Baarn from 1973 to 1979. He went to three different high schools: the Baarns Lyceum in Baarn from 1979 to 1981, the Eerste Vrijzinnig Christelijk Lyceum in The Hague from 1981 to 1983, and the United World College of the Atlantic in Wales near Llantwit Major (1983 to 1985), where the prince had friends, and from which he received his International Baccalaureate.

After high school, he performed military service in the Royal Netherlands Navy from August 1985 to January 1987. He received his training at the Royal Netherlands Naval College and the frigates HNLMS Tromp and HNLMS Abra-

ham Crijnssen, where he was an ensign. In 1988, he received additional training at the ship HNLMS Van Kinsbergen and became a lieutenant (junior grade). From 1987, Prince Willem-Alexander studied history at Leiden University and received his academic degree in 1993. His final dissertation was on the Dutch response to France's decision under President Charles de Gaulle to leave NATO's integrated command structure. During this period he received the nickname prins pils (prince pilsner).

Work and royal duties

Since 1985, when he became 18 years old, Willem-Alexander is a member of the Council of State of the Netherlands. This is the highest council to the Dutch government and is chaired by the head of state, Queen Beatrix. Prince Willem-Alexander is interested in water management issues. He is an honorary member of the World Commission on Water for the 21st century and patron of the Global Water Partnership, a body established by the World Bank, the UN, and the Swedish Ministry of Development. He was appointed as the Chairperson of the United Nations Secretary General's Advisory Board on

Water and Sanitation on 12 December 2006.

As part of his royal duties, he holds commissions in the Dutch Army (as brigadier), Navy (as commandeur), and Air Force (as commodore).

He was a patron of the Dutch Olympic Games Committee until 1998 when he was made a member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC). To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the 1928 Summer Olympics held in Amsterdam, he has expressed support to bid for the 2028 Summer Olympics.

Leisure activities

He is an aircraft pilot and sportsman. In 1989, the Prince flew as a volunteer for the African Medical Research and Education Foundation (AMREF) in Kenya, and in 1991 he spent a month flying for the Kenya Wildlife Service. To make sure he flies enough hours a year to retain his license, he also regularly flies the Dutch royal airplane when he and his family travel abroad. Using the name "W.A. van Buren", one of the less well-known titles of the House of Orange-Nassau, he has participated in the New York City Marathon, where his aunt, Princess Christina, and several cousins live. In the Netherlands, he was

a participant in the Frisian Eleven Cities ice skating marathon, aka the Elfstedentocht.

Prince Willem-Alexander and his wife travelled to South Africa to support the national team during the 2010 FIFA World Cup, and were shown on worldwide television wearing orange clothing. Willem-Alexander speaks English and German in addition to his native Dutch.

Marriage

On 2 February 2002, he married Máxima Zorreguieta Cerruti (born 17 May 1971) at the Nieuwe Kerk in Amsterdam. Máxima is an Argentine woman of Basque, Portuguese and Italian ancestry who prior to their marriage worked as an investment banker in New York City. The marriage triggered significant controversy due to the bride's father's prior role in the Argentinian military dictatorship. The prince is a direct descendant of Anne, Princess Royal and Princess of Orange, eldest daughter of British King George II. However, under the British Act of Settlement, Prince Willem-Alexander forfeited his (distant) succession rights to the throne of the United Kingdom, because he married a Roman Catholic. □



Dutch love their Argentine Queen despite father's past

Princess Maxima, the Argentine-born future queen of the Netherlands, has worked hard to win over Dutch hearts and is immensely popular despite her father's murky role in his country's military junta. As the wife of Crown Prince Willem Alexander, former investment banker Maxima Zorreguieta, 41, will on Tuesday become queen of the Dutch following Queen Beatrix's unexpected announcement in January that she will abdicate in favour of her son.

The couple had a fairytale romance and were married in 2002, with Maxima being given Dutch nationality and allowed to remain a Catholic in the staunchly Protestant House of Orange. But the run-up to the marriage was overshadowed by the past of Maxima's father, Jorge Zorreguieta, who was a junior agriculture minister under the notorious Argentine regime of general Jorge Videla in



the 1970s. The junta, which Videla led from 1976-1981, is held responsible for the disappearance of up to 30,000 people during the so-called "Dirty War" against political opponents. Amid popular outcry in the politically correct Netherlands, Maxima's father was told he could not attend his

daughter's wedding in Amsterdam, and her mother also stayed away out of solidarity.

Maxima said at the time she would accept the decision, but television cameras lingered on her tears as her father's favourite tango "Adios nonino" was played during the wedding

ceremony.

"I regret that he did his best in a bad regime. He had the best intentions," Maxima said in an interview ahead of the wedding.

In an interview a few weeks before the inauguration, she told the Dutch national broadcaster that her family "made a joint decision" that they would not attend Willem-Alexander's investiture.

"It's a constitutional celebration and, yes, my father does not belong in it."

"My wedding was a different event. It would of course be fantastic if he could be here but emotionally this is different," she said.

The Dutch cabinet even commissioned historian Michiel Baud to look into the extent of Zorreguieta's involvement in the junta. He concluded that Zorreguieta must have known something about the torture and the thousands that disappeared at the time, but was almost certainly not personally involved. While Zorreguieta has been accused of involvement in some disappearances and continues to be investigated, he has never been charged.

With her easy charm and

ready smile, Maxima was quick to win over the Dutch people, immersing herself in the language and culture, even swimming in an Amsterdam canal for charity. She's the country's most popular royal according to opinion polls, even more so than the much-admired Queen Beatrix and a long way ahead of her husband, whose youthful reputation as a boozing Casanova was transformed by his relationship with Maxima.

The princess has invested time in development projects, supporting micro-credit initiatives in developing countries and the emancipation of women of immigrant origin.

In 2009 she was named as the UN Secretary General's special advocate for inclusive finance for development.

Born on May 17, 1971 in Buenos Aires, where she grew up, Maxima Zorreguieta met Willem Alexander through mutual friends in Madrid in 1999. Having received an economics degree in 1995, Maxima worked for a string of international banks in Buenos Aires, New York and Brussels. Since getting married, the couple have been living in Wassenaar, an upmarket suburb of The Hague, the seat of government and the city where Queen Beatrix lives and works.

They have three daughters, Catharina-Amalia, 9, who as the heir apparent will become the Princess of Orange, Alexia, 7, and Ariane, 5.

"People are incredibly kind to me," Maxima said of life in the Netherlands, praising the fact that she was not chased around by photographers.

"It's fantastic that I can move around freely here in the Netherlands and that I can take my children to school and do shopping," she said of life in a country where royalty is expected to tread a fine line between normalcy and majesty. □

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Princess Amalia: Heir to the Dutch throne

When Prince Willem-Alexander ascends the throne, the current Hereditary Princess of Orange, Princess Catharina-Amalia, will become Princess of Orange.

She isn't even ten yet, and already a huge responsibility falls on the small shoulders of the Netherlands' Princess Catharina-Amalia.

On April 30, the youngster will be styled as the new Princess of Orange, and become the heir to the Dutch throne when her father is inaugurated as Willem IV of the Netherlands. Her future, and that of her father, has been brought sharply into focus following the abdication of her grandmother, Queen Beatrix. Even the hypothetical birth of a male sibling wouldn't change the order of succession, given that women have had equal rights to the throne in the Netherlands since 1983.



The future Princess of Orange was born on December 7, 2003, in The Hague, receiving the name Catharina-Amalia Beatrix Carmen Victoria. She would later be baptized on June 12, 2004, in Amsterdam's St. James' church. Since then, her parents Maxima and Willem-Alexander have tried to give Amalia and her two younger sisters, Alexia and Ariane, as normal a childhood as possible. However, both are aware of the role that their daughter will

have to play in the future, so the presence of their eldest child at official functions is becoming increasingly common. As delicate as the balancing act is, Amalia's increasing profile is the perfect training for her new royal role as the Princess of Orange. □

Catharina-Amalia Beatrix Carmen Victoria baptized on June 12, 2004



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Soon-to-quit Dutch Queen in last major appearance



Fireworks are seen during the official opening of the renovated Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam, Netherlands, Saturday April 13, 2013. The Rijksmuseum, home of Rembrandt's "The Night Watch" and other national treasures reopens its doors to the public after a decade-long renovation.



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Queen Beatrix looks at a portrait of William of Orange in the Rijksmuseum's restoration department. Fireworks and fanfare accompanied Dutch Queen Beatrix as she on Saturday reopened Amsterdam's Rijksmuseum treasure trove of Golden Age masterpieces after a 10-year renovation.

Fireworks and fanfare accompanied Dutch Queen Beatrix as she on Saturday reopened Amsterdam's Rijksmuseum treasure trove of Golden Age masterpieces after a 10-year renovation.

The reopening is Beatrix's last major public appearance before she abdicates in favour of her son Willem-Alexander on April 30, and performers from around the Netherlands and its overseas territories took part in the ceremony.

After the queen turned a key in a symbolic lock on a vast orange carpet at midday, a long queue immediately formed of people wanting to visit the world-famous museum, open for free until midnight.

The museum, built in 1885 for 200,000 annual visitors, now hopes to double the one million people that it was hosting prior to the renovation.

After the ceremony, watched by thousands and accompanied by huge puffs of red, white, blue and orange smoke, Queen Beatrix, 75, was given a tour of the renewed museum by director Wim Pijbes.

The 375-million euro (480-million dollar) revamp, masterminded by Spanish architects Cruz y Ortiz, has run over time and over budget but has been hailed by observers. Architects and artisans have restored much of the original styling of the Gothic-Renaissance building, designed by Pierre Cuypers, but with extensive modern touches.

"It was very impressive, we waited two hours but it was worth it," said visiting Swedish student Kuba Koltowski.

"It's grandiose," said Amsterdammer Margalith van Huiden-ten Brink, 57, who remembers the museum as it used to be.

The museum covers 800 years of Dutch history through 8,000 objects, distributed through 80 rooms. A one mile walk around the galleries will take you "from the Middle Ages to Mondrian," the Dutch painter and one of the pioneers of the De Stijl movement in the first half of the 20th century. But at the heart of the museum's physical and artistic identity is Rembrandt's vast masterpiece of militia intimidation, The Night Watch.

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People queue in front of the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam on Saturday. The museum, built in 1885 for 200,000 annual visitors, now hopes to double the one million people that it was hosting prior to the renovation. □



Dutch Queen Beatrix with Rijksmuseum Director Wim Pijbes at the re-opening of the musuem in Amsterdam. Utrecht

Love it or not, Dutch King's Song will be sung

THE HAGUE,
Netherlands (AP)
— Love it or loathe it, the new and much-maligned King's Song is not being scrapped from celebrations marking the ascent to the Dutch throne of Crown Prince Willem-Alexander. The committee organizing the April 30 nationwide party to celebrate Willem-Alexander's transition from prince to king announced Monday that the song, which has triggered a storm of criticism, will be sung at a televised concert on the day. The committee says that "Everybody who wants to sing along can."

Tens of thousands of people signed an online petition criticizing the song's lyrics, which were written using lines of text submitted by people around the country.

The song's composer said Saturday that he was scrapping the song because of all the criticism. □

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Princess Maxima of the Netherlands a firm fashion fans' style watch

A look at Maxima's style hits as she prepares to become Queen

The moment she stepped out at her wedding in 2002 wearing a breathtaking Valentino haute couture gown made of ivory Mikado silk and featuring a five metre long train with panels of delicate embroidered lace, Princess Maxima of the Netherlands was firmly on fashion fans' style watch.

So fashionistas will be delighted with the news that the Argentinian-born investment banker is set to become Queen of the Netherlands when her husband Willem-Alexander, meaning she is bound to up her sartorial game even further with the promotion. But while we wait to see how her style changes, let's take a look at her best ensembles so far. Since her wedding, Maxima has wowed the world with a ladylike wardrobe that combines an on-trend, ex-

perimental aesthetic with a clear notion of dressing appropriately for her role. All eyes were on Maxima in 2010, as she stepped out in a stunning floral-embroidered fishtail gown as she attended the wedding of Crown Princess Victoria Of Sweden And Daniel Westling at Stockholm Cathedral with her husband in 2010.

And the blonde beauty was on dazzling form in 2011 as she swept up to Berlin's Bellevue Palace for an evening banquet, looking elegant in a floor-length blush-hued gown, her look topped off by a sparkling tiara, diamond earrings and bracelet.

Also in 2011, Maxima was a ray of sunshine as she turned out to celebrate the Monaco royal wedding in an elegant, orange

dress with rosette detailing.

For her 40th birthday, Maxima stunned guests in her flowing gown with a dusky tangerine hue. The bubbly blonde paired her beautiful, floor-sweeping creation with a silver clutch and delicate jewellery comprising amber stone centrepieces.

The news that Prince Willem-Alexander will occupy the Dutch throne comes as Queen Beatrix announced on Monday that she is to abdicate.

The sovereign addressed her nation live on television and radio on Monday evening at 19:00. Speaking to the nation she said: "It is time for me to lay down my crown... I have been thinking about this decision for several years."

"It has been a great hon-



our to serve my country. The reason is not that the responsibility was too great, but I feel that the responsibility should be held by a new generation."

Speaking of her decision she said: "I am proud and happy and I will not be disappearing from public life". □